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New Hampshire

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ANNUAL REPORTS

Of the

TOWN OFFICERS

Of

STARK

New Hampshire

For the year ending December 31, 1998

Cover Photo

Joseph Dennehy

Dedication

Stark Improvement Fund, Inc.

The Stark Improvement Fund, Inc. was initially organized as the Stark Bicentennial Committee in 1973. Its purpose was to raise funds for the town to celebrate its Bicentennial in 1974. Fundraising activities were organized to include a Fiddlers Contest. The group was instrumental in gathering information and funding for the first printing of "History of Stark, New Hampshire." A cookbook was also a favorite among townspeople. A commemorative coin, belt buckle, paperweights and medallions soon became favorite collectibles among the locals and collectors alike. At the conclusion of the Bicentennial activities the group was reorganized as the Stark Improvement Fund, Inc.

The majority of the funds raised by SIF have been used for repairs and restoration work for the Union Church, Covered Bridge, Town Hall and Village School. These buildings tucked in the unique setting, flanked by the Devil's Slide and Ammonoosuc River provide a photographers paradise all seasons of the year. In 1986 a section of electrical wires were buried because they marred the famous photo of the bridge and church skyline. The Union Church was completely restored from foundation to steeple top.

Perhaps the event of most historic value was in 1986, the 40th reunion (1946-1986), and again in 1996, the 50-year landmark (1946-1996), when friends and foes of World War II gathered at this humble village. Camp Stark, as it was called was the only POW Camp in New Hampshire (1943-1946). Only stone fireplaces and cement abutments remain there today. The book "Stark Decency" was released in 1988 with an author's reception held that October. The New Hampshire Historic Marker was installed and unveiled in September, 1986. To this day hundreds of passing motorists stop to read the marker and capture a moment in history. The open areas continue to be mowed and maintained by Stark Improvement Fund, Inc.

The Stark Fiddlers Contest has continued always the "Last Sunday in June" for 25 consecutive years. The event still draws young and old contestants alike to Whitcomb Field. The event is widely known throughout the State and Stark is recognized for its contribution to preserving the tradition of old-time music. About 10 years ago, profits from the event purchased 25 pairs of snowshoes to initiate this recreational activity for Village School students.

Among the more recent projects, the front of the school has been landscaped. The town cemeteries have been identified with wooden signs in keeping with New England tradition. The Veterans Monument in the Village Cemetery was installed and dedicated on November 11, 1995. The second printing of the "History of Stark, New Hampshire" was accomplished in 1997 and is still available to purchase.

Stark Improvement Fund, Inc. has a core membership. The members are the first to acknowledge that nearly all the projects are impossible without the help of many townspeople. For your participation we are grateful and we thank you! It is hard to believe that some members have been active for 25 years and families have grown up serving here in a lifetime of community service.

Madeleine B. Croteau
Madeleine B. Croteau
President



Ashley Croteau, the first Stark native to compete in the Contest.

In Memory of

John Woodrow Parks
1913-1998

Tyrone Gordon Mickelboro
1940-1998

Harley Everett Mason III
1975-1998

Ann Marie Montgomery
1922-1998

Some had lived their lives near full
One had just begun
Silent tears of sorrow fell
for the memories of our cherished ones
They will never be forgotten
Because they were so well loved

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TOWN OFFICERS 1998-1999

OFFICERS		TERM EXPIRES
	Selectmen	
Everett R. Frizzell		1999
James Eich		2000
Albert Cloutier, Jr.		2001
	Office Manager	
Lise Coulombe		APPT
	Town Clerk	
Susan H. Croteau		1999
	Deputy Town Clerk	
Lise Coulombe		APPT
	Tax Collector	
Jo Ann Platt		APPT
	Treasurer	
Dennis Croteau		1999
	Deputy Treasurer	
Nancy Spaulding		APPT
	Moderator	
William Joyce		1999
	Trustees of the Trust Funds	
Donald Croteau		1999
John Pepau, Jr.		2000
	Library Trustees	
Jane Hopps		1999
Nancy Spaulding		2000
	Supervisors of the Checklist	
Mary Beth Gibson		1999
Judith Wentworth		2000
Nancy Spaulding		2001
	Constable	
William Joyce		1999
	Sexton	
Carl Coulombe		1999
	Road Agent	
Carl Coulombe		1999

Cemetery Trustees

Dean Demers	1999
Joshua Spaulding	2000

Transfer Station Manager

George Bennett	APPT
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Fire Chief

Ronald Lunn	APPT
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Planning Board

James Gibson, Sr	1999
John Tilton	1999
Raymond Pratt	2000
Janice Oakes	2001
Richard Garris	2001
Carl D. Coulombe (Alternate)	APPT



A fall morning at the covered bridge.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

1189 Stark Hwy
Stark, NH 03582

Phone: (603) 636-2118

Fax: (603) 636-6199 E-mail: twnstark@ncia.net

OFFICE HOURS

Selectmen:

Mon., Tues., Thurs. 8:30-4:00
Wed. 8:30-12:00

Town Clerk:

Tues. 10:00-4:00
Thurs. 10:00-4:00

Selectmen's Meeting:

Wed. 6:00 p.m.

Tax Collector:

Wed. 3:00-7:00

Planning Board:

4th Thursday of the Month 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer:

Wed. 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

Transfer Station: Tel. 636-2880
Wed. 12:30-4:30
Sat. 12:30-4:30

Fire Department: Tel: 636-2848
Weekly Meeting
Mon. 6:00 p.m.

Garage: Tel. 636-2561

TOWN ACTIVITIES

Stark Fiddlers Contest Last Sunday in June 12:00-6:00

Fire Prevention Week: 1st week of October

South Pond Recreation: Opens last weekend of June 10:00-8:00

Christine Lake: Beach Curfew 9:00 p.m.

A LETTER FROM THE SELECTMEN

Dear Citizens & Taxpayers,

1998 was a busy year for the Selectmen. The PNGTS Pipe Line Project was a never ending thorn that took constant monitoring and almost daily communication between all parties, PNGTS, Bechtel, and Price Construction.

The Paris Road Bridge project expanded in scope. In order to keep an unflooded roadway, more flowage studies, borings and a longer bridge were necessary. This increased the cost and required us to raise another \$30,000 (20% share) out of our 1999 budget. Needless to say, 1999 will be an austere year with frugality being the main concerns.

The 1998 Ice Storm spared most of the Town, with Crystal bearing the brunt.

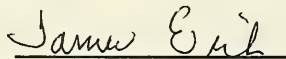
Percy Road reconstruction was cut short because of funding problems with the Paris Road Bridge project. We hope to be able to continue this year or next.

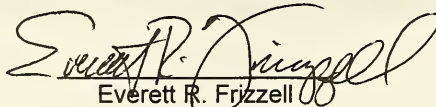
After four years of communications with the St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad, we finally were able to get together and improve the Bell Hill Road crossing.

We continue to have stolen road sign problems. This is quite expensive and irritating. Our 911 safety net hinges on good signage and our Town's safety is paramount. A stolen sign could mean the difference between life and death on an ambulance run or fire call. Your house number must be visible all year also.

1999 should be an interesting year with regard to the pipeline's evaluation and its influence on the tax rate. The Claremont II decision and its effect on legislation will also be a large influence on school funding and thus, the tax rate. Bonding for the new firehouse will also have an effect on the tax rate, but we have those figures from the Municipal Bond Bank.

We will be facing some challenges in 1999.


James Eich, Chairman


Everett R. Frizzell

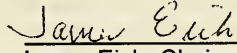

Albert Cloutier, Jr.

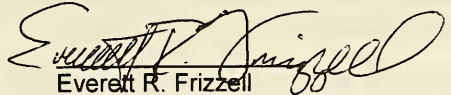
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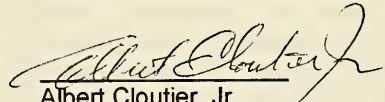
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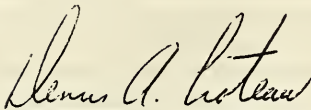
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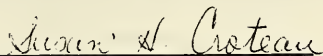
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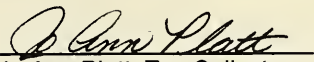

James Eich, Chairman


Everett R. Frizzell


Albert Cloutier, Jr.


Dennis A. Croteau, Treasurer


Susan H. Croteau, Town Clerk


Jo Ann Platt, Tax Collector

Town of Stark, NH

1999 Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Stark, Coos County and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Stark Village School in said Town on the second Tuesday in March next, March 9, 1999, to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. You are hereby warned that on said date and place the polls will be opened at 9:00 in the forenoon and will remain open until 7:00 in the afternoon for the reception of ballots under the Non-Partisan Ballot System.

ARTICLE #1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on by ballot while the polls are open)

ARTICLE #2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the New Fire Department Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$220,650 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$29,350 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve fund created for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3-ballot vote required)

ARTICLE #3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,250 for General Government.

4130	Executive:		\$28,200
	Payroll	18000	
	Expenses	1500	
	Office Expenses	8700	
4140	Election, Registration, Vitals:		\$11,500
	Payroll	9200	
	Expenses	400	
	Office Expense	300	
	Annual Report	1600	
4150	Financial Administration:		\$11,800
	Payroll	7000	
	Expenses	800	
	Office Expenses	500	
	Auditors	3500	

4152	Revaluation:		\$6,500
	Pick Ups	800	
	New Construction	500	
	Upgrade Software	2000	
	Software Support	3200	
4153	Legal:		\$2,000
	Services	2000	
4155	Personnel Administration:		\$7,000
	WT/SS/MEDI	6500	
	Unemployment	500	
4191	Planning and Zoning:		\$300
	Miscellaneous	300	
4194	General Government Building:		\$7,200
	Payroll	1000	
	Utilities	3400	
	Expenses	100	
	Fire Code	500	
	Interior & Exterior	1000	
	Maintenance	1200	
4195	Cemeteries		\$4,000
	Payroll	3000	
	Expenses	200	
	Maintenance	800	
4196	Insurance:		\$20,300
	Liability/Bonding	10800	
	Workers Compensation	4500	
	Health	5000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.:		\$1,750
	Advertising	1100	
	Sta-North	350	
	Great North Woods	300	
4199	Other Government:		\$2,700
	Perambulation	2700	

ARTICLE #4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$240,460 for Public Safety.

4210	Police:	\$7,900
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	Payroll	6400	
	Office Expenses	250	
	Expenses	1250	
4215	Ambulance: Service	3110	\$3,110
4220	Fire Department:		\$228,650
	Payroll	200	
	Utilities	3500	
	Expenses	100	
	Fire Calls	3800	
	Mutual Aid	400	
	Fire Dept. Building Bond	220650	
4290	Emergency Management: Expenses	200	\$200
4299	Other Safety:		\$600
	Lancaster Juvenile Diversion Safety	300 300	

ARTICLE #5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$146,600 for Highways and Streets.

4312	Highways & Streets:		\$116,600
	Payroll	25000	
	Chloride	2500	
	Cold Patch	1500	
	Utilities	4000	
	Expenses	200	
	Grading	4000	
	Maintenance	11500	
	Mowing	4600	
	Reconstruction	50000	
	Signs	300	
	Sand & Salt	6000	
	Sander	7000	
4313	Bridges		\$30,000
	Paris Road Bridge	30000	

ARTICLE #6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,800 for Sanitation.

4324	Solid Waste:		\$25,800
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Payroll	8000
District Costs	14000
Utilities	1200
Expenses	400
Maintenance	2200

ARTICLE #7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for Health.

4415	Health Agencies:		\$2,300
	Health Officer	75	
	Upper CT Valley Mental Hlth	125	
	Weeks Home Health	2100	
4419	Other Health:		\$1,700
	Community Action Program	800	
	Meals on Wheels	700	
	Red Cross	200	

ARTICLE #8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for Direct Assistance.

4442	Welfare:		\$2,000
	Assistance	2000	

ARTICLE #9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Culture and Recreation.

4550	Library:		\$500
4583	Patriotic:		\$500

ARTICLE #10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,250 for Debt Service.

4711	Principal Long Term Bonds:		\$10,000
	Bond	10000	
4721	Interest Long Term Bond:		\$4,250
	Bond	4250	
4723	Interest on T.A.N.:		\$4,000
	Tax Anticipation Note	4000	

ARTICLE #11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,200 for Interfund Operating Transfer Out.

4915	Capital Reserve:		\$20,000
	Backhoe	3000	
	Bridge	1000	
	Compactor	500	
	Dump	500	
	Fire Dept. Building	10000	
	Fire Dept. Equipment	1000	
	Truck	4000	
4916	Transfer to Trust & Agency:		\$200
	Discount	200	

ARTICLE #12. To see if the Town will vote to give a 5% discount on property taxes if paid within 14 days after tax bills have been presented.

ARTICLE #13. To transact all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals the 10th day of February, 1999

True Copy Attest:



James Eich
James Eich, Chairman

Everett R. Frizzell
Everett R. Frizzell

Albert Cloutier, Jr.
Albert Cloutier, Jr.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397



BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: Stark

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.

DATE: February 3, 1999

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

James Eich
Everett R. Frizzell
Albert Cloutier, Jr.

James Eich, Chairman

Everett R. Frizzell

Albert Cloutier, Jr.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130-4139	Executive		26700	27120	28200	
4140-4149	Election Reg. & Vital Statistics		10000	11346	11500	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		11800	14171	11800	
4152	Revaluation of Property		2200	1461	6500	
4153	Legal Expense		3000	353	2000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		7000	6203	7000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		200	409	300	
4194	General Government Buildings		8700	5476	7200	
4195	Cemeteries		4000	3774	4000	
4196	Insurance		16500	12115	20300	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1750	1153	1750	
4199	Other General Government		2700	-0-	2700	

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210-4214	Police		7900	7899	7900	
4215-4219	Ambulance		3110	3108	3110	
4220-4229	Fire		8000	6009	228650	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management		200	85	200	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		600	809	600	

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER

4301-4309	Airport Operations					
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HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311	Administration					
4312	Highways & Streets		120100	121819	116600	
4313	Bridges				30000	
4315	Street Lighting					
4319	Other					

SANTTATION

4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection		20500	27352	25800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal					
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					

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Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)

SANITATION cont.

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4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					
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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					

ELECTRIC

XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					

HEALTH

XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		4050	3800	4000	

WELFARE

XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		3000	8327	2000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					

CULTURE & RECREATION

XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library		500	500	500	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		500	211	500	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					

CONSERVATION

XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation					
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					

DEBT SERVICE

XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX

4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes		10000	10000	10000	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		5180	5173	4250	
4723	Inc. on Tax Anticipation Notes		6600	3347	4000	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS	WARR	Appropriations	Actual	APPROPRIATIONS	APPROPRIATIONS	
Acct.#	(RSA 32:3,V)	ART.#	Prior Year As	Expenditures	ENSUING FY	ENSUING FY
		Approved by DRA	Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	

DEBT SERVICE cont.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				
CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		21000	21000	20000
4916	To Exp. Tr. Fund-except 4917		500	500	200
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Agency Funds				
SUBTOTAL 1			306290	303520	561560

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		800	-0-	200
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		8000	6934	7000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		22000	111101	25000
	Inventory Penalties				
	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				1400
	Excavation Activity Tax				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		250	603	300
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		42000	52806	50000
3230	Building Permits				
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1000	1494	1000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		5000	13923	10000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		5000	7784	5000
3353	Highway Block Grant		49000	47891	47000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		26000	32630	30000
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		3000	4386	4000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			1000	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3401-3404	Income from Departments		1300	2445	2000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		7000	6915	4000
3502	Interest on Investments		2000	2314	2000
3503-3599	Other				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

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3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			1075	29350
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

XXXXXXXXXX

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3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				220650
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			112350	293301	438900

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	561560
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	-0-
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	-0-
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	561560
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above column 6)	438900
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	122600

1998 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Moderator William Joyce declared the meeting open at 9:00 a.m. Polls to be open from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Bill explained the rules and regulations of the meeting in addition to reading the Town Warrant and School Warrant.

Ballot Clerks were Jane Hopps and John Pepau Sr.

All those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for 3 residents who passed away in 1997-Maurice Robidas, Marcia Dingman and Phillip Doucette Sr.

Everett Frizzell made a motion to dispense with the reading of the entire warrant. Seconded by James Eich. Motion carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE # 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. (To be voted on while the polls are open.)

Moved by Everett Frizzell. Seconded by Jim Eich.

ARTICLE # 1 PASSED

ARTICLE # 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$94,550 for General Government.

Moved by Jim Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier.

ARTICLE # 2 PASSED

ARTICLE # 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,810 for Public Safety.

Moved by Jim Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier.

ARTICLE # 3 PASSED

ARTICLE # 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,100 for Highways and Streets.

Moved by Everett Frizzell. Seconded by Jim Eich.

ARTICLE # 4 PASSED

ARTICLE # 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,500 for Sanitation.

Moved by Everett Frizzell. Seconded by Albert Cloutier.

ARTICLE # 5 PASSED

ARTICLE # 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,050 for Health.

Moved by Albert Cloutier. Seconded by Jim Eich.

ARTICLE # 6 PASSED

ARTICLE # 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for Direct Assistance.

Moved by Everett Frizzell. Seconded by Albert Cloutier.

ARTICLE # 7 PASSED

ARTICLE # 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Culture and Recreation.

Moved by Everett Frizzell. Seconded by Jim Eich.

ARTICLE # 8 PASSED

ARTICLE # 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,780 for Debt Service.

Moved by Jim Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier.

ARTICLE # 9 PASSED

ARTICLE # 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,500 Interfund Operating Transfer Out.

Moved by Jim Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier. James Hickey made a motion to amend **ARTICLE # 10** to read as follows. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,500 for Interfund Operating Transfer Out.

Motion seconded by Dean Demers. Discussion followed. Janette Clang made a motion to move **ARTICLE # 10** as amended. Seconded by Vivian Parks. Motion to move **FAILED**. Discussion followed. **AMENDED ARTICLE # 10 FAILED**. Original **ARTICLE # 10** was moved by Jim Eich. Seconded by Albert Cloutier.

ARTICLE # 10 PASSED

ARTICLE # 11: To see if the Town will vote to give a 5% discount on property taxes if paid within 14 days after tax bills have been presented.

Moved by John Pepau. Seconded by Jane Hopps.

ARTICLE # 11 PASSED

ARTICLE # 12: To transact all other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

James Gibson Sr. spoke about plans for a new Fire Department Building. Total material costs for this would be about \$ 102,183. This figure does not include a heating system, septic system or foundation.

A Certificate of Appreciation and a cake were presented to Francis Hopps Jr. for his 16 years of service as Police Chief.

A motion to move Town Meeting back to the Town Hall in 1999 was made by Arlie Hazzard. Seconded by Jane Hopps. **PASSED**.

Motion to adjourn was made by Janette Clang. Seconded by Jim Eich. Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Voting continued until 7:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots were opened and placed in ballot box at 5:00 p.m. Polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m. and votes tabulated with the following results.

TOWN RESULTS

Selectmen (3 years)
Moderator (2 years)
Constable (1 year)
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years)
Road Agent (1 year)
Sexton (1 year)
Planning Board (3 years)
Cemetery Trustee (3 years)
Library Trustee (3 years)
Supervisors of the Checklist (3 years)

Albert Cloutier, Jr.
William Joyce
William Joyce
Donald Croteau
Carl Coulombe
Carl Coulombe
Janice Oakes, Joshua Spaulding
Raymond Pratt
Nancy Spaulding
Nancy Spaulding

SCHOOL RESULTS

School Board (3 years)
School Clerk (1 year)
School Treasurer (1 year)
School Moderator (1 year)

Susan Fogg
Janette Clang
Susan Croteau
William Joyce

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan H. Croteau
Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk



*Stark Village School
1890-1990
Stark, N. H.*

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

CHART OF ACCOUNTS	Budget	Expended	Variance
4130- Executive	26,700	27,120	-420
4140- Election, Registration	10,000	11,346	-1,346
4150- Financial Admin.	11,800	14,171	-2,371
4152- Revaluation	2,200	1,461	739
4153- Legal Expense	3,000	353	2,647
4155- Personnel Admin.	7,000	6,203	797
4191- Planning & Zoning	200	409	-209
4194- General Gov. Bldg.	8,700	5,476	3,224
4195- Cemeteries	4,000	3,774	226
4196- Insurance	16,500	12,115	4,385
4197- Advertising & Reg.	1,750	1,153	597
4199- Other Government	2,700		2,700
4210- Police	7,900	7,899	1
4215- Ambulance	3,110	3,108	2
4220- Fire	8,000	6,009	1,991
4290- Emergency Mgt.	200	85	115
4299- Oth. Public Safety	600	809	-209
4312- Highways & Street	120,100	121,819	-1,719
4324- Solid Waste Disp.	20,500	27,352	-6,852
4415- Health Agencies	2,200	2,200	0
4419- Other Health	1,850	1,600	250
4442- Welfare	3,000	8,327	-5,327
4550- Library	500	500	0
4583- Patriotic Purposes	500	211	289
4711-Principal Long Term Bonds	10,000	10,000	0
4721-Interest Long Term Bond	5,180	5,173	7
4723- Interest on T.A.N.	6,600	3,347	3,253
4915- Capital Reserve	21,000	21,000	0
4916- Trans. to Trust	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	306,290	303,520	2,770

BALANCE SHEET
Year Ending December 31, 1998

ASSETS

Cash

Berlin City Bank	\$	67,971.92
NHPDIP	\$	105,039.96
CDBG	\$	1,458.39

Capital Reserve Funds

Bridge	\$	4,278.76	
Dump	\$	25,334.82	
Revaluation	\$	3,738.55	
Back Hoe	\$	10,633.03	
Compactor	\$	3,174.08	
Discount	\$	13,386.91	
Town Truck	\$	20,849.25	
Fire Dept. Equipment	\$	3,500.18	
Fire Dept. Building	\$	30,353.53	
School/Handicapped	\$	<u>66,742.49</u>	
Total Capital Reserve			\$ 181,991.60

Cemetery Trust Funds

\$ 12,549.12

Library Funds

\$ 494.53

Accounts Receivable

Property Tax	\$	78,776.02	
Yield Taxes	\$	687.00	
Lien 97	\$	41,751.84	
Lien 96	\$	18,315.12	
Prior	\$	<u>2,374.48</u>	
Total Uncollected			\$ 141,904.46

Town Property

Land, Buildings, Equipment	\$	<u>1,341,900.00</u>
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Total Assets

\$ 1,853,309.98

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accounts Payable	
School District	\$ 239,510.00
Net Worth	\$ 1,611,029.98
Surplus	\$ <u>2,770.00</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	\$ 1,853,309.98



Audience participation is a big part of the Fiddlers Contest.

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATION

General Government:

Executive	\$ 26,700
Election, Registration	\$ 10,000
Financial Administration	\$ 11,800
Revaluation	\$ 2,200
Legal Expense	\$ 3,000
Personnel Administration	\$ 7,000
Planning & Zoning	\$ 200
General Government Buildings	\$ 8,700
Cemeteries	\$ 4,000
Insurance	\$ 16,500
Advertising & Regional	\$ 1,750
Other General Government	\$ 2,700

Public Safety

Police	\$ 7,900
Ambulance	\$ 3,110
Fire Department	\$ 8,000
Emergency Management	\$ 200
Other Public Safety	\$ 600

Highways and Streets

Highways	\$ 120,100
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Sanitation

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 20,500
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Health

Health Agencies	\$ 2,200
Other Health	\$ 1,850

Welfare

Direct Assistance	\$ 3,000
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Culture and Recreation

Library	\$	500
Patriotic Purposes	\$	500

Debt Service

Principal Long Term Bonds	\$	10,000
Interest Long Term Bonds	\$	5,180
Interest on T.A.N.	\$	6,600

Operating Transfers Out

Capital Reserve	\$	21,000
Transfers to Trust	\$	<u>500</u>
Total Appropriation	\$	306,290

SOURCES OF REVENUE**Taxes**

Yield Tax	\$	10,000
Interest & Penalties	\$	20,000
Excavation Tax	\$	1,690

License, Permits & Fees

Business Licenses	\$	250
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$	35,000
Other Licenses	\$	1,000

From State

Shared Revenue	\$	3,369
Meals & Rooms	\$	7,784
Highway Block	\$	47,891
State & Federal Forest	\$	19,111
Other	\$	4,386

Charges for Services

Income from Departments	\$ 1,300
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Miscellaneous

Sale of Municipal Property	\$ 6,915
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Interest on Investments	\$ 3,000
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Interfund Operating

Capital Reserve	\$ <u>1,075</u>
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Total Revenues	\$ 162,771
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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Total Town Appropriation	\$ 306,290
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Less: Revenues	\$ 212,771
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Less: Shared Revenues	\$ 1,340
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Add: Overlay	\$ 30,049
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War Service Credits	\$ 2,300
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Town Appropriation	\$ 124,528
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Due to School	\$ 505,674
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Less: Shared Revenue	\$ 8,327
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School Appropriation	\$ 497,347
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Due to County	\$ 83,426
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Less: Shared Revenue	\$ 887
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County Appropriation	\$ 82,539
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Total Property Taxes	\$ 704,414
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Less: War Service Credits	\$ 2,300
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Property Tax Commitment	\$ 702,114
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Town	\$ 6.14
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School	\$ 24.51
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County	\$ <u>4.07</u>
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Tax Rate	\$ 34.72
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SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

Value of Land Only:	Acres	Assessed	Taxable
Current Use	11029	\$ 680,834	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	1389	\$ 53,783	
Residential	1306	\$ 5,295,400	
Commercial/Industrial	57	\$ <u>205,400</u>	
Total Taxable Land			\$ 6,235,417

Value of Buildings:			
Residential		\$ 12,270,100	
Manufactured Housing		\$ 929,900	
Commercial/Industrial		\$ <u>456,400</u>	
Total Taxable Buildings			\$ 13,656,400

Utilities:			
Electric		\$ 636,200	
NE Power Co.		\$ <u>400</u>	
Total Public Utilities			\$ <u>636,600</u>

Valuation Before Exemptions			\$ 20,528,017
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Exemptions:	No.		
Blind	3	\$ 45,000	
Elderly	13	\$ <u>195,000</u>	
Total Exemptions			\$ <u>-240,000</u>

Net Valuation			\$ 20,288,017
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Which is the oldest house in Stark?

The Moses Jackson house on Dewey Hill Road. It is currently owned by John & Katherine Emery and occupied by the Turnel family.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land & Building	\$	75,100
Contents	\$	25,000
Library Building	\$	16,000
Contents	\$	5,000
Police Equipment	\$	4,500
Highway Dept. Land & Bldg.	\$	32,100
Material, Equip.	\$	175,000
Fire Dept. Land & Building	\$	12,600
Equipment	\$	117,000
Transfer Station Land & Bldg.	\$	19,200
Equipment	\$	47,000
School Land & Building	\$	243,000
Equipment	\$	310,000
Landfill	\$	8,100
Cemeteries	\$	27,300
Covered Bridge	\$	<u>225,000</u>
Total	\$	1,341,900



Fall comes to Stark Village.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Revenue from Tax Collector	\$ 817,040.85
Revenue from Town Clerk	\$ 54,929.82
From State and Federal Government	\$ 107,613.47
From Local Sources	\$ 30,334.15
From Capital Reserve and Trust Funds	\$ 1,075.00
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>116,146.14</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 1,127,139.43

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$ 83,581.85
Public Safety	\$ 17,909.91
Highways and Street	\$ 121,819.04
Bridges	\$ 35,365.97
Solid Waste Collection	\$ 27,351.94
Health	\$ 3,800.00
Welfare	\$ 8,326.62
Culture and Recreation	\$ 710.63
Debt Services	\$ 98,519.90
Transfers to NHPDIP	\$ 175,000.00
Payments to Capital Reserve	\$ 21,500.00
Payments to County	\$ 83,426.00
Payments to School	\$ 612,635.00
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>84,910.34</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,374,857.20

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

Tax Collector

3110-Property Tax	\$	698,731.67
3185-Yield Tax	\$	6,934.22
3190-Interest and Penalties	\$	7,932.85
Lien Redemption	\$	83,627.34
Lien Redemption Interest	\$	<u>19,814.77</u>
	\$	817,040.85

Town Clerk

3210-Business Licenses		
Filing Fees	\$	57.00
Uniform Commercial Code	\$	459.32
3220-Motor Vehicle Registration	\$	51,287.00
Municipal Clerk Fees	\$	1,509.50
3290-Other Licenses		
Dogs	\$	1,123.00
Dog Penalties	\$	268.00
Vitals	\$	<u>226.00</u>
	\$	54,929.82

State and Federal Government

3351-Shared Revenue	\$	13,923.48
3352-Rooms and Meals Tax	\$	7,784.36
3353-Highway Block Grant	\$	47,890.74
3356-State and Federal Forest	\$	32,629.22
3359-Other (Railroad Tax)	\$	4,385.67
3379-From Other Governments	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$	107,613.47

Local Sources

3401-Income from Departments	\$	2,444.72
3404-Refuse	\$	216.00
3501-Sale of Municipal Property	\$	6,915.35
3502-Interest on Investments	\$	2,314.23
3504-Fines	\$	2,147.00
3506-Insurance Dividends	\$	1,990.71
3509-Other	\$	<u>14,306.14</u>
	\$	30,334.15

Capital Reserve and Trusts

3915-Transfers to Capital Reserve

Fire Department Equipment Fund

\$ 1,075.00

3916-Transfers from Trusts

\$ 110,000.00

4960-Miscellaneous

\$ 6,146.14

\$ 117,221.14

Total Revenues

\$ 1,127,139.43



Three contestants warm up for the Trick 'n' Fancy competition.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

4130-EXECUTIVE

Albert Cloutier, Jr.		\$	1,250.00
Ames Department Store		\$	19.37
AT & T		\$	25.57
Avitar Assoc. of NE		\$	388.00
Bell Atlantic		\$	825.92
Cartographic Assoc.		\$	662.00
CPI Printing		\$	192.73
Everett R. Frizzell		\$	1,250.00
	Expense	\$	235.01
Groveton Postmaster		\$	771.80
James Eich		\$	1,250.00
	Expense	\$	107.00
Janette Clang		\$	3.69
Jo Ann Platt		\$	79.98
Lexis Law		\$	415.68
Lise Coulombe		\$	13,835.86
	Expense	\$	165.64
Lyndonville Office		\$	2,267.90
MCI		\$	497.70
NCIA		\$	62.35
Nebs		\$	112.24
NHAAO		\$	25.00
NHGFOA		\$	25.00
NHMA		\$	500.00
Pitney Bowes		\$	310.01
Quill Corporation		\$	843.12
Registry of Deeds		\$	709.53
Susan H. Croteau		\$	75.00
U.S.P.S.		\$	200.00
William Joyce		\$	<u>13.88</u>
Total		\$	27,119.98

4140-ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITAL

Albert Cloutier, Jr.	\$	55.00
Everett R. Frizzell	\$	55.00
Francis Hopps, Jr.	\$	55.00
Groveton Postmaster	\$	378.40

James Eich		\$	155.00
Jane Hopps		\$	55.00
Janette Clang		\$	315.40
	Expenses	\$	22.04
John Pepau, Sr.		\$	155.00
Judith Wentworth		\$	280.00
Lise Coulombe		\$	1,048.51
	Expenses	\$	56.69
Mary Beth Gibson		\$	280.00
Nancy Spaulding		\$	205.00
National Market Reports		\$	199.50
NE Association		\$	15.00
NH City & Town Clerk		\$	20.00
Smith & Town Printers		\$	1,317.00
State of NH MV		\$	51.00
Susan H. Croteau		\$	5,481.40
	Expenses	\$	496.31
Treasurer State of NH		\$	407.50
Trend Business Forms		\$	86.91
William Joyce		\$	<u>155.00</u>
Total		\$	11,345.66

4150-FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Dennis Croteau		\$	1300.00
	Expense	\$	191.07
Donald Croteau		\$	75.00
	Expense	\$	37.68
Francis J. Dineen & Company		\$	3,200.00
Gateway Business		\$	2,330.00
Jo Ann Platt		\$	5,700.00
	Expense	\$	579.19
John Pepau, Jr.		\$	50.00
NH Tax Collector Association		\$	40.00
NH Town Clerks Association		\$	25.00
Lancaster District Court		\$	50.00
Mount Washington		\$	212.00
Quill Corporation		\$	351.85
Susan H. Croteau		\$	<u>28.97</u>
Total		\$	14,170.76

4152-REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Avitar Associates of NE	\$	1,440.64
NH Association of Assessing	\$	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$	1,460.64

4153-LEGAL EXPENSES

Carroll County	\$	25.00
Ransmeier & Sorg	\$	<u>328.20</u>
Total	\$	353.20

4155-PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Berlin City Bank	\$	15,704.45
Retirement	\$	1,492.80
W/T	\$	-4,857.00
Social Security	\$	-4,364.25
Medi	\$	-1,020.73
Employee Retirement	\$	<u>-752.05</u>
Total	\$	6,203.22

4191-PLANNING AND ZONING

Cartographics Associates	\$	250.00
Lexis Law Publishing	\$	127.41
NHOSP	\$	<u>32.00</u>
Total	\$	409.41

4194-GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Ames Department store	\$	118.74
Anthony Haney	\$	433.09
B & M Heating	\$	45.00
Clarkeies	\$	39.85
Community Co-Op Oil	\$	972.26
Daniel Hebert	\$	810.07
Emerson & Son	\$	219.87
Inland Divers	\$	44.95
James Gibson, Sr.	\$	169.12
John Croteau	\$	37.20
Johnson's Fuel	\$	320.33
Martha L. Eich	\$	175.00
Martin's Agway	\$	88.39

PSNH		\$	1,360.16
Quill Corporation		\$	128.56
Raymond Pratt		\$	40.00
Ron's Electric		\$	78.31
Scotty N. Hart		\$	12.40
Susan H. Croteau		\$	330.13
W.E. Aubuchon		\$	<u>52.97</u>
Total		\$	5,476.40

4195-CEMETERIES

Carl Coulombe		\$	80.04
	Expense	\$	79.90
Emerson & Son		\$	35.12
John Croteau		\$	1,698.80
	Expense	\$	30.02
Martin's Agway		\$	419.92
Scotty N. Hart		\$	1,311.30
	Expense	\$	56.55
Shellys Northside Deli Mart		\$	<u>62.44</u>
Total		\$	3,774.09

4196-INSURANCE

Compensation Funds of NH		\$	2,152.45
NHMA-PLIT		\$	<u>9,963.00</u>
Total		\$	12,115.45

4197-ADVERTISING & REGIONAL

Great North Woods		\$	300.00
Sta-North		\$	350.00
North Country Publishing		\$	<u>503.04</u>
Total		\$	1,153.04

4210-POLICE

Donald Croteau		\$	287.00
	Expense	\$	339.12
Emerson & Son, Inc.		\$	45.10
Ernest Johnson		\$	25.20
Francis Hopps, Jr.		\$	201.25
	Expense	\$	116.79
Gall's Inc.		\$	179.94

Neptune Uniforms	\$	231.80
Ossipee Mountain Electronic	\$	71.33
Schurman Electronics	\$	487.00
Treasurer State of NH	\$	20.00
William Joyce	\$	5,055.03
Expense	\$	<u>839.06</u>
Total	\$	7,898.62

4215-AMBULANCE

Town of Northumberland	\$	<u>3,108.00</u>
Total	\$	3,108.00

4220-FIRE

Anthony Haney	\$	19.80
Barry Wentworth	\$	19.80
Bell Atlantic	\$	918.00
Carl Coulombe	\$	11.88
Clark Wentworth	\$	19.80
Cliffon Fysh	\$	7.92
Community Co-Op Oil	\$	859.74
Costa Sign	\$	575.00
Dean Demers	\$	7.92
James Hickey	\$	59.61
James Gibson, Sr.	\$	101.61
John Pepau, Jr.	\$	50.44
Joseph Grandchamp	\$	11.88
Maurice Boivin	\$	7.92
MCI	\$	4.94
Northern NH Fire Mutual Aid	\$	100.00
Paul Vallee Lumber	\$	500.00
PSNH	\$	678.57
Robert Blodgett	\$	19.80
Ronald Boivin	\$	7.92
Ronald Lunn	\$	89.11
Stark Volunteer Fire Dept.	\$	1,175.00
The Fire Barn	\$	753.49
Travis Wentworth	\$	<u>9.17</u>
Total	\$	6,009.32

4290-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Franklin Platt	\$	<u>84.97</u>
Total	\$	84.97

4299-OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY

Lancaster District Court	\$	300.00
Schurman Electronics	\$	<u>509.00</u>
Total	\$	809.00

4312-HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

A.D. Sanel, Inc.	\$	276.17
Barry Wentworth	\$	3,030.83
Bell Atlantic	\$	423.42
Berlin Insulation Co.	\$	2,000.00
Berlin Spring	\$	405.02
Cargill Inc.-Salt Division	\$	1,225.91
Carl Coulombe	\$	15,031.25
Expense	\$	245.62
Caron Building Center		29.61
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	\$	1,377.57
Cloutier Sand & Gravel	Total Amount Paid	\$32055.20
	April Flooding	\$ 1,614.20
	Grading	\$ 3,000.00
	Crusher Run	\$ 1,542.95
	Sand	\$ 850.85
	3/4 Crusher Run	\$ 3,012.80
	NH Bituminous	\$ 3,207.40
	Percy Road	\$ 16,849.40
Emmanual Marceau	Percy Road	\$ 3,057.60
	Rip-Rap	\$ 119.60
	Winter Sand	\$ 1,840.00
	1/2 Stone	\$ 18.00
Colebrook Oil	\$	684.80
Coos Farm	\$	1,385.00
Cormier Equipment	\$	360.00
Country Auto	\$	814.03
Currier Sales and Service	\$	174.81
Cushing and Sons	\$	6,100.69
Derby Equipment	\$	108.13
Donald Bacon	\$	105.00
Donald Croteau	\$	393.70

Emerson & Son	\$	464.64
Everett Rexford & Son	\$	160.00
F.B. Spaulding	\$	30.00
Farm Plan	\$	113.95
Harry F. Hopps	\$	32.96
Howard P. Fairfield	\$	404.34
Isaacson Steel, Inc.	\$	98.65
James Gibson	\$	727.00
James Lowe Company	\$	3,921.60
John Croteau	\$	1,351.60
Kelley's Auto Parts	\$	22.99
Leon Costello	\$	43.45
Lise Coulombe	\$	38.86
Martin's Agway	\$	46.50
MCI	\$	116.77
Merriam-Graves Corp.	\$	213.76
Milan Welding	\$	1,450.00
Mountain Health	\$	118.00
National Laboratory	\$	49.75
N.H. Bituminous Co.	\$	35,643.56
NH Municipal Truck Equip.	\$	1,337.47
NHOHA	\$	41.00
Northern Hydraulics	\$	422.58
Northern State Tire	\$	30.00
Pike Industries, Inc.	\$	1,153.43
Perras Ace, Inc.	\$	178.46
PSNH	\$	1,084.07
R.E.A.L. Lighting	\$	41.00
Robert's Brook Farm	\$	30.00
Ron's Electric	\$	104.46
Ronald Lunn	\$	200.00
Ryan Ford Tractor	\$	750.00
Sargent & Son	\$	760.00
The Oilman, Inc.	\$	979.61
Treasurer, State of NH	\$	217.18
University of NH	\$	35.00
Waldon, Inc.	\$	<u>122.04</u>
Total	\$	121,819.04

4313-BRIDGES**Paris Road Bridge**

Colin Sutherland, Forestry	\$	2,500.00
Jaworski Geotech, Inc.	\$	9,009.25
Knowlton's Welding	\$	157.50
Perras Ace, Inc.	\$	1,036.63
Provan & Lorber, Inc.	\$	19,794.09
Ransmeier & Sorg	\$	368.50
Thomas Ballestero	\$	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	\$	35,365.97

4324-SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Atlantic Leasing Corp.	\$	969.28
AVRRDD	\$	5,407.30
Barry Wentworth	\$	65.38
Bell Atlantic	\$	521.96
Carl Coulombe	\$	1,075.03
Carrol Concrete	\$	248.00
City of Berlin	\$	279.24
Clarkeies Market	\$	20.75
Donald Croteau	\$	117.31
Emerson & Son, Inc.	\$	331.91
Everett Bailey	\$	1,082.86
George Bennett	\$	6,923.58
Expense	\$	47.51
Inland Divers, Inc.	\$	17.30
Isaacson Steel, Inc.	\$	55.00
James Gibson, Sr.	\$	240.00
Jewell Resources, Inc.	\$	255.08
John Croteau	\$	29.45
Leavitt Business Enterprises	\$	4,800.00
Normandeau Trucking	\$	3,410.54
NERRA	\$	50.00
Perras Ace, Inc.	\$	249.44
Persons Concrete, LLC	\$	330.00
PSNH	\$	585.94
Rand	\$	139.00
TBB, Inc.	\$	50.08
Treasurer, State of NH	\$	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$	27,351.94

4415-HEALTH AGENCIES

Dr. Robert J. Hinkley	\$	75.00
Upper Connecticut Valley Mental Health	\$	125.00
Weeks Home Health	\$	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$	2,200.00

4419-OTHER HEALTH

American Red Cross	\$	200.00
Senior Fellowship	\$	700.00
Tri County Community Action	\$	<u>700.00</u>
Total	\$	1,600.00

4442-WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$	<u>8326.62</u>
Total	\$	8,326.62

4550-LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$	500.00

4583-PARIOTIC PURPOSES

Martha Eich	\$	40.00
Emerson & Son, Inc.	\$	52.83
Treasurer, State of NH	\$	30.00
Green Earth Nursery	\$	<u>87.80</u>
Total	\$	210.63

4711-PRINCIPAL

Tax Anticipation Note	\$	<u>80,000.00</u>
Total	\$	80,000.00

4721-INTEREST & LONG TERM BONDS

Interest	\$	5,173.40
Principal	\$	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total	\$	15,173.40

4723-INTEREST ON TAX & REVENUE ANTIC. NOTES

Tax Anticipation Note	\$	<u>3,346.50</u>
Total	\$	3,346.50

4915-TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Bridge	\$	1,000.00
Back Hoe	\$	3,000.00
Compactor	\$	1,000.00
Dump	\$	500.00
Fire Department Building	\$	10,000.00
Fire Department Equipment	\$	1,500.00
Truck	\$	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total	\$	21,000.00

4916-TRANSFERS TO TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS

Discount	\$	500.00
Investment	\$	<u>175,000.00</u>
Total	\$	175,500.00

4931-TAXES PAID TO COUNTY

County Tax	\$	<u>83,426.00</u>
Total	\$	83,426.00

4933-TAXES PAID TO SCHOOL

Treasurer, Stark School District	\$	<u>612,635.00</u>
Total	\$	612,635.00

4960-MISCELLANEOUS

Overpayments	Bradley Sargent	\$	40.29
	George Steady	\$	14.63
	Harris Nichols	\$	57.30
	Kelly Baker	\$	47.84
	Lucille Wentworth	\$	71.01
	Mark Poland	\$	9.00
	Richard Wolin	\$	9.98
	Robert Tippitt	\$	263.39
	Wayne King	\$	31.95
Tax Liens	Stark Tax Collector	\$	71,297.93
Timber Tax Bonds	Stark Tax Collector	\$	2,932.16
Abatement	Everett Frizzell	\$	59.00
	Tyrone Mickelboro, Jr.	\$	210.00
Chloride	H.C. Price	\$	2,352.00
Timber Tax Bond	International Paper Co.	\$	1,016.94
Employee Contribution/software		\$	5,664.60

Insufficient Checks	\$	712.00
Transfer Fees	\$	50.00
Bank Errors	\$	<u>70.32</u>
Total	\$	84,910.34
 Total Expenditures	 \$	 1,374,857.20



The Stark Union Church has been in continuous use since it was Built in 1853.

Stark

Between Mill Mt. and Devil's Slide,
Where Ammonoosuc waters glide,
There's a town, once Percy, now Stark the name:
For General Stark of Indian fame.

It was 1784, the year
John and Hannah Cole came here.
They chose a claim on old Beech Hill
And cleared a field the soil to till.

They planted corn upon the same,
And eked out their food with fish and game.
They built a cabin, warm and stout,
To keep the snows of winter out.

John died. Hannah was alone,
But she had no time to moan.
For there were children now,
Who must be fed and clothed somehow.

From constant toil she did not shirk.
She taught her boys and girls to work.
Summer, autumn, winter, spring
Each its different work did bring.

For everything they had, you know,
They had to make or had to grow.
The hard years flew quickly past;
They were not alone at last.

Hannah grew old and gray,
And when at last she passed away,
They laid her with John to rest,
Upon the hill they loved the best.

Many new settlers now came,
Each his share of land to claim.
Soon they could form a crew,
And many projects they could do.

They built many dams and mills,
And cut timber from the hills,
The Union Church, built in 1853,
Stands serene and staunch for all to see.

The covered bridge the stream still spans.
Built long ago by skillful hands.
What stories they could tell
Of generations who used them well.

Many people can trace their name
Back to the first old Coles that came.
Courageous, honest, and wise as well,
As the pages of history truly tell.

By Katherine Farwell Emery

A LETTER FROM THE TOWN CLERK

My first year as Town Clerk was one of many challenges. Coming out of the Town Treasurer position into the Town Clerk seat was the biggest challenge. I was challenged to the maximum many times and had things down to a science just in time for the State of New Hampshire to make major changes in the Motor Vehicle Department. Many of you may not be aware that the State of New Hampshire began issuing new style plates on January 1, 1999. These style plates have gone back to a six-digit number. All registrants are required to purchase a new set of plates at the time of renewal. The purchase price for new plates is \$ 5.00 per set and this is only effective for automobiles. Trailers and motorcycles are exempt from having to purchase new plates this year.

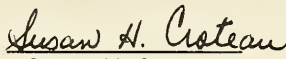
Another change that has taken place with the State of New Hampshire is title applications. Effective January 1, 1999 all vehicles 15 years or younger will now be required to be titled. The old law was 10 years and younger. The title from the previous owner of the vehicle to be registered must be presented to register the vehicle. This is the State Law.

I was able to attend a workshop last April in Concord on Vital Records and found this workshop to be very informative. With a town as small as Stark, we don't have many Vital Records but it was still information that is used in my office when we do have a birth, death or marriage.

Effective March 11, 1999 my office will be opened on Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00-4:00. I know many residents are not happy with these hours and it is hard for many of you to come in to conduct business during these hours, however, I was budgeted 13 hours per week for the year 1999. In 1998, I was available for "Emergency Registrations" and plan to be available again this year.

In my office this year I did a total of 645 motor vehicle registrations, registered 167 dogs, and filed 10 Vital Records. These numbers are reflective as to how busy a little town like ours really is.

I thank each and every one of you who were patient with me during the first year, and I look forward to another three-year term as your Town Clerk.


Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 1998

3210-Business Licenses

Filing Fees	\$ 57.00
Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)	\$ <u>459.00</u>
Total Business Licenses	\$ 516.00

3220-Motor Vehicle Registrations

Auto Permits Issued	\$ 51,087.00
Title Fees	\$ 200.00
Municipal Clerk Fees	\$ <u>1,509.50</u>
Total Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 52,796.50

3290-Other Licenses

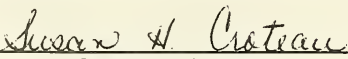
Dog Licenses Issued	\$ 1,121.00
Dog Penalties Collected	\$ 268.00
Vital Statistics	\$ <u>230.50</u>
Total Other Licenses	\$ 1,619.50

3509-Other

Insufficient Funds	\$ <u>146.50</u>
Total Other	\$ 146.50

Total Remitted to Treasurer-1998	\$ 55,078.50
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I hereby certify that the above figures are correct to the best of my knowledge.



Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK
State of New Hampshire, for the Year Ending
December 31, 1998

July 8, 1998

Jenna Alexandria Randall

Parents: Tege & Michelle (Collins) Randall

Birthplace: Lancaster, NH

September 5, 1998

Michael David Wirchansky

Parents: David Wirchansky & Laura Ann Pelchat

Birthplace: Berlin, NH

November 26, 1998

Ruthanne Elaine Murray

Parents: Lloyd & Tamera (Ripel) Murray

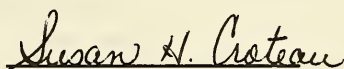
Birthplace: Lancaster, NH

December 30, 1998

Derek Jason Rogers

Parents: Shane & Michelle (Hale) Rogers

Birthplace: Littleton, NH



Susan H. Croteau

Town Clerk

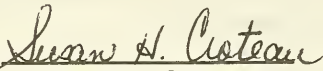
MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK
State of New Hampshire, for the Year Ending
December 31, 1998

February 28, 1998

Groom: **Tege Everden Randall**
Residence: Stark, NH
Bride: **Michelle Marie Collins**
Residence: Stark, NH

August 22, 1998

Groom: **Kevin Robert St. Cyr**
Residence: Stark, NH
Bride: **Amy Sue Saucier**
Residence: Stark, NH


Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk

Why does Stark have both 636 and 449 telephone exchanges?

Crystal got phone service later than the rest of Stark.
Since Crystal was closer to Milan than Groveton, it was
included in the 449 Milan exchange rather than the 636
Groveton exchange.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STARK

**State of New Hampshire, for the Year Ending
December 31, 1998**

April 7, 1998

John Woodrow Parks

Birthplace: Lancaster, NH

Parents: Arthur & Bertha (Rogers) Parks

July 8, 1998

Tyrone Gordon Mickelboro

Birthplace: Maidstone, VT

Parents: Harry & Mildred (Tapley) Mickelboro

October, 8 1998

Harley Everett Mason III

Birthplace: Lancaster, NH

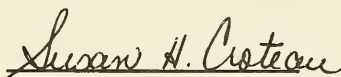
Parents: Harley & Deborah (McLain) Mason

November 5, 1998

Ann Marie Montgomery

Birthplace: Berlin, NH

Parents: Charles & Kathleen (Hayes) McKelvey



Susan H. Croteau

Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES IT'S THE LAW

Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or over shall annually, on or before April 30th cause it to be licensed. **(RSA 466:1)**.

Proof of a rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian must be presented before a dog license can be issued.

Every dog must wear its license tag. **(RSA 466:4)**.

A \$25.00 penalty will be assessed to the dog owner for failure to license any dog. **(RSA 466:13)**.

License Fees: (RSA 466:4)

\$ 20.00-Group License (up to 10 dogs)

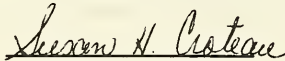
\$ 6.50-Spayed and/or neutered

\$ 9.00-Male or female

\$ 2.00-Owners over age 65 (one dog only)

The Town of Stark has a leash law, which states that no dog shall run at large unless the owner accompanies it. **(RSA 466:30a)**.

It is a State law that all cats 3 months of age and over be vaccinated against rabies.



Susan H. Croteau
Town Clerk

A LETTER FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR

The big news from my office this year is the record number of people whose 1998 property taxes were paid on time. As of December 31, 1998, 89% of the taxes billed for the year had been collected. This is a record high for the five years I have been Tax Collector. Way to go, folks!

The coming year will be a busy one. I'm sure all of you have heard about the problems with some computers and software not being able to recognize the year 2000 – commonly referred to as the Y2K bug. In order to make the tax collection program compliant, Avitar has rewritten their software. The new program will be installed in early 1999, giving me ample time to become familiar with it prior to the next series of tax bills in May, 1999.

I can't believe it has already been five years since I became the Tax Collector for the town of Stark. I have enjoyed it very much; maybe that's why the time seems to have gone by so fast. I thank everyone for their support and please feel free to call on me anytime I can be of help.


Jo Ann Platt, Tax Collector

Which city is closer to Stark, Boston or Montreal?

Montreal is 180 miles. Boston is 185 miles from Stark.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998**

DEBITS	1998	1997
Uncollected Taxes 01-01-99		
Property Tax		100,488.89
Yield Tax		1,301.37
Taxes Committed in 1998		
Property Tax	703,912.00	
Yield Tax	6,315.93	
Overpayment		
Property Tax	186.38	359.01
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>678.69</u>	<u>6,663.91</u>
Total Debits	\$711,093.00	\$108,813.18

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Tax	597,882.72	100,300.76
Yield Tax	5,628.93	1,301.37
Interest & Penalties	678.69	6,663.91
Overpayments	186.38	359.01
*Abatements		
Property Tax	26,755.26	<u>188.13</u>
Current Levy Deeded	498.00	
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-98		
Property Tax	78,776.02	
Yield Tax	<u>687.00</u>	
Total Credits	\$711,093.00	\$108,813.18

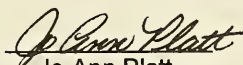
*Includes Discounts

DEBITS – LIENS	1997	1996	Prior
Unredeemed 01-01-99		47,802.35	31,365.13
Liens Executed in 1998	71,297.93		
Interest & Costs	<u>3,095.77</u>	<u>6,905.48</u>	<u>9,810.49</u>
Total Debits-Liens	\$74,393.70	\$54,707.83	\$41,175.62

CREDITS – LIENS

Remitted to Treasurer

Redemptions	28,450.95	28,030.55	27,145.84
Interest & Costs	3,095.77	6,905.48	9,810.49
Abated Unredeemed Taxes		402.62	780.71
Liens Deeded to Town	1,095.14	1,054.06	1,064.10
Unredeemed 12-31-98	<u>41,751.84</u>	<u>18,315.12</u>	<u>2,374.48</u>
Total Credits-Liens	\$74,393.70	\$54,707.83	\$41,175.62


 Jo Ann Platt,
 Tax Collector

FY98STARK COLLECTOR RECEIVABLES

OWNER	WRNT	PG	LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/98 AMOUNT DUE
ALCANTARA, GAIL	96L1	0	1	0415-0013-0000	03/19/97	1,419.74	1,876.24
	97L1	0	1	0415-0013-0000	03/18/98	1,489.95	1,711.56
	98P1	1	3	0415-0013-0000	07/01/98	700.00	742.12
	98P2	1	3	0415-0013-0000	12/23/98	712.00	713.87
						(4,321.69)	(5,043.79)
BAKER, KELLY & ANTHO	98P2	4	3	0407-0021-0000	12/23/98	1,086.00	1,088.86
BARTLETT, LESLIE E.	98P2	5	7	0202-0005-0000	12/23/98	291.00	291.77
BEATON, RANDY & JOYA	98P1	5	7	0202-0033-0000	07/23/98	558.60	588.17
	98P2	5	8	0202-0033-0000	12/23/98	1,050.00	1,052.76
						(1,608.60)	(1,640.93)
BELANGER, EDMOND & D	97L1	0	4	0406-0012-0000	03/18/98	1,737.68	2,017.48
	98P1	6	5	0406-0012-0000	07/01/98	806.00	854.49
	98P2	6	7	0406-0012-0000	12/23/98	805.00	807.12
						(3,348.68)	(3,679.09)
BELANGER, EDMUND	87L1	0	1	0406-0012-0000	03/15/94	246.22	458.95
BELANGER, EDMUND & D	96L1	0	3	0406-0012-0000	11/25/98	372.76	379.38
BENNETT, GEORGE S &	96L1	0	4	0408-0086-0000	03/19/97	1,699.57	2,246.04
	97L1	0	5	0408-0086-0000	03/18/98	1,789.47	2,053.62
	98P1	6	8	0408-0086-0000	07/01/98	831.00	881.00
	98P2	7	2	0408-0086-0000	12/23/98	829.00	831.18
						(5,149.04)	(6,011.84)
BOIVIN, DENNIS & CIN	96L1	0	6	0202-0038-0000	10/03/98	221.48	231.20
	96L1	0	7	0202-0054-0000	03/19/97	503.37	688.22
	97L1	0	6	0202-0038-0000	03/18/98	1,811.68	2,078.99
	97L1	0	7	0202-0054-0000	03/18/98	1,454.09	1,716.61
	98P1	9	4	0202-0038-0000	07/01/98	841.00	891.60
	98P1	9	5	0202-0054-0000	07/01/98	683.00	724.09
	98P2	9	6	0202-0038-0000	12/23/98	839.00	841.21
	98P2	9	7	0202-0054-0000	12/23/98	682.00	683.79
						(7,035.62)	(7,855.71)
BOIVIN, DORIS & ALBE	97L1	0	8	0202-0030-0000	10/28/98	1,743.73	1,798.76
	98P1	9	7	0202-0030-0000	07/01/98	951.00	1,008.22
	98P2	9	8	0202-0023-0000	12/23/98	8.00	8.02
	98P2	10	1	0202-0030-0000	12/23/98	999.00	1,001.63
						(3,701.73)	(3,816.63)
CALABRO, DEBORAH	98P1	13	1	0407-0012-0000	11/12/98	30.00	30.48
	98P2	14	1	0407-0012-0000	12/23/98	693.00	694.82
						(723.00)	(725.30)
CAMARA, DONA	98P2	14	2	0407-0002-0000	12/23/98	133.00	133.35
CARON, GEORGE	98P1	13	5	0408-0029-0000	07/01/98	1,936.00	2,052.48
COTE, RICHARD	97L1	0	10	0202-0043-0000	03/18/98	1,370.87	1,598.57
	98P1	21	1	0202-0043-0000	07/01/98	633.00	671.08
	98P2	21	8	0202-0043-0000	12/23/98	631.00	632.66
						(2,634.87)	(2,902.31)
COUTURE, PAMELA	98P2	22	7	0205-0016-0000	12/23/98	907.00	909.39
COVILL, RICHARD R &	98P2	23	1	0412-0023-0000	12/23/98	446.00	447.17
CROSBY, BRADFORD	96L1	0	11	0419-0001-0005	04/25/97	52.32	68.19
CROTEAU, DENNIS & SU	96L1	0	12	0203-0027-0000	01/01/98	65.61	77.39
	97L1	0	11	0203-0027-0000	03/18/98	927.41	1,069.13
	98P1	22	6	0203-0027-0000	07/01/98	416.00	441.03
	98P2	23	5	0203-0027-0000	12/23/98	465.00	466.22
						(1,874.02)	(2,053.77)
DEMERS, BRUCE & LEON	98P2	25	4	0202-0013-0000	12/23/98	1,124.00	1,126.96

FY98STARK COLLECTOR RECEIVABLES

OWNER	WRNT	PG LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/98 AMOUNT DUE
DONOVAN, JOSEPH & MA	98P2	28 1	0202-0053-0000	12/23/98	912.00	914.40
DROUIN, BRENTON W. &	98P1	27 6	0408-0019-0000	07/01/98	1,592.00	1,687.78
	98P1	27 7	0408-0020-0000	07/01/98	118.00	125.10
	98P2	28 5	0408-0019-0000	12/23/98	1,620.00	1,624.26
	98P2	28 6	0408-0020-0000	12/23/98	128.00	128.34
					(3,458.00) (	3,565.48)
DUBE, JEAN-PAUL & PR	96L1	0 13	0412-0018-0000	05/18/97	60.73	80.19
	97L1	0 12	0412-0018-0000	03/18/98	61.77	80.54
					(122.50) (	160.73)
DUBE, PRISCILLA M. &	98P1	27 8	0412-0018-0000	07/01/98	9.00	9.54
	98P2	28 7	0412-0018-0000	12/23/98	8.00	8.02
					(17.00) (	17.56)
FARRELL, ROBERT & LE	96L1	0 15	0405-0028-0000	03/19/97	974.22	1,287.47
	97L1	0 13	0405-0028-0000	03/18/98	1,024.88	1,180.44
	98P1	31 1	0405-0028-0000	07/01/98	464.00	491.92
	98P2	32 1	0405-0028-0000	12/23/98	473.00	474.24
					(2,936.10) (	3,434.07)
FRIZZELL, MARGARET	96L1	0 17	0204-0020-0000	05/27/98	1,089.86	1,429.59
	96L1	0 18	0204-0020-000A	03/19/97	93.62	123.72
	97L1	0 15	0204-0020-0000	03/18/98	1,146.71	1,319.57
	97L1	0 16	0204-0020-000A	03/18/98	97.79	121.68
	98P1	33 8	0204-0020-0000	07/01/98	527.00	558.71
	98P1	34 1	0204-0020-000A	07/01/98	42.00	44.53
	98P2	34 7	0204-0020-0000	12/23/98	525.00	526.38
	98P2	34 8	0204-0020-000A	12/23/98	41.00	41.11
					(3,562.98) (	4,165.29)
GAGNE, JEANETTE & BR	98P1	35 1	0412-0044-0000	07/01/98	794.00	841.77
	98P2	36 1	0412-0044-0000	12/23/98	793.00	795.09
					(1,587.00) (	1,636.86)
GEER, MABEL	98P2	36 5	0408-0006-0000	12/23/98	701.00	702.84
GELINAS, ROGER & VIR	98P2	36 6	0204-0018-0000	12/23/98	875.00	877.30
GIBSON, DIANA	98P1	36 3	0407-0028-0000	07/01/98	138.00	146.30
	98P1	36 4	0407-0029-0000	07/01/98	445.00	471.77
	98P2	37 2	0407-0028-0000	12/23/98	138.00	138.36
	98P2	37 3	0407-0029-0000	12/23/98	444.00	445.17
					(1,165.00) (	1,201.60)
GIBSON, RETA	98P2	37 7	0201-0023-0000	12/30/98	95.45	95.48
GREEN, RICHARD &	97L1	0 18	0202-0024-0000	04/06/98	55.05	62.35
	98P1	39 1	0202-0024-0000	07/01/98	318.00	337.13
	98P2	39 8	0202-0024-0000	12/23/98	327.00	327.86
					(700.05) (	727.34)
HAND, ALICE	98P1	40 5	0203-0031-0000	12/24/98	131.86	132.16
	98P2	41 5	0203-0031-0000	12/23/98	502.00	503.32
					(633.86) (	635.48)
HANEY, ANTHONY & MAR	97L1	0 19	0202-0029-0000	10/28/98	191.24	197.28
	98P1	40 6	0202-0029-0000	07/01/98	495.00	524.78
	98P2	41 6	0202-0029-0000	12/23/98	495.00	496.30
					(1,181.24) (	1,218.36)
HICKEY, OSCAR	98P2	44 2	0202-0041-0000	12/23/98	711.00	712.87
HIGGINS, KERRY	97L1	0 20	0204-0013-0000	03/18/98	1,177.66	1,377.92
	98P1	43 2	0204-0013-0000	07/01/98	515.00	545.98
	98P2	44 3	0204-0013-0000	12/23/98	575.00	576.51
					(2,267.66) (2,500.41)
HODGDON, FREDERICK J	98P2	44 5	0409-0017-0000	12/23/98	44.00	44.12

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OWNER	WRNT	PG	LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/98 AMOUNT DUE
HOPPS, HARRY & MAXIN	96L1	0	21	0201-0011-0000	03/19/97	1,416.60	1,872.09
	97L1	0	21	0201-0011-0000	03/18/98	1,492.01	1,713.92
	98P1	44	1	0201-0011-0000	07/01/98	683.00	724.09
	98P2	45	2	0201-0011-0000	12/23/98	696.00	697.83
						(4,287.61)	(5,007.93)
JOHNSON, DOROTHY L.	98P1	47	1	0408-0087-0000	11/04/98	144.41	147.12
	98P2	48	1	0408-0087-0000	12/23/98	820.00	822.16
						(964.41)	(969.28)
JOHNSON, PETER & PAU	97L1	0	22	0405-0039-0000	03/18/98	1,111.47	1,279.33
	98P1	47	4	0405-0039-0000	07/01/98	579.00	613.84
	98P2	48	4	0405-0039-0000	12/23/98	577.00	578.52
						(2,267.47)	(2,471.69)
JOHNSON, ROBERT & SU	98P2	48	5	0406-0022-0000	12/23/98	624.00	625.64
KEDDY, FRANCIS & JOY	97L1	0	23	0201-0038-0000	03/18/98	2,998.14	3,456.96
	98P1	49	2	0201-0038-0000	07/01/98	1,389.00	1,472.57
	98P2	50	2	0201-0038-0000	12/23/98	1,413.00	1,416.72
						(5,800.14)	(6,346.25)
KENNEDY, JOHN & MARG	98P2	50	5	0201-0034-0000	12/23/98	39.00	39.10
KING, ALBERT N.	98P2	50	8	0203-0010-0000	12/23/98	1,914.00	1,919.03
KING, RAYMOND & JEAN	96L1	0	24	0405-0012-0000	03/19/97	918.41	1,213.71
	97L1	0	25	0405-0012-0000	03/18/98	966.96	1,114.29
	98P1	50	2	0405-0012-0000	07/01/98	441.00	467.53
	98P2	51	2	0405-0012-0000	12/23/98	441.00	442.16
						(2,767.37)	(3,237.69)
KNAPP, MAYNARD & BON	98P2	51	4	0408-0106-0000	12/23/98	1,430.00	1,433.76
LACHANCE, JOHN & JIL	97L1	0	27	0411-0021-0000	06/01/98	1,248.55	1,377.49
	98P1	51	2	0411-0021-0000	07/01/98	1,332.00	1,412.14
	98P2	52	2	0411-0021-0000	12/23/98	1,378.00	1,381.62
						(3,956.55)	(4,171.25)
LEGER, PAUL & ISABEL	98P2	54	2	0411-0024-0000	12/23/98	400.00	401.05
LINDEN, BRUCE & LAUR	98P2	54	5	0401-0006-0000	12/23/98	20.00	20.05
MADORE, FREDERICK J.	98P2	56	2	0408-0064-0000	12/23/98	126.00	126.33
MADORE, GERALDINE	98P2	56	3	0405-0060-0000	12/23/98	610.00	611.60
MARTIN, CLAUDETTE	98P2	56	7	0406-0019-0000	12/23/98	111.00	111.29
MASON, HARLEY & DEBO	96L1	0	25	0203-0021-0000	04/15/98	2,038.68	2,300.08
	97L1	0	28	0203-0021-0000	04/15/98	1,813.73	2,046.28
	98P1	56	2	0203-0021-0000	07/01/98	1,662.00	1,761.99
	98P2	57	2	0203-0021-0000	12/23/98	1,657.00	1,661.36
						(7,171.41)	(7,769.71)
MILES, DANA & DONNA	98P2	59	2	0201-0015-0000	12/23/98	239.00	239.63
MONTGOMERY, WAYNE &	98P2	61	1	0405-0020-0000	12/23/98	330.00	330.87
OAKES, BRUCE & JANIC	98P2	66	2	0408-0036-0000	12/23/98	332.00	332.87
PARADIS, WILLIAM	98P1	66	4	0408-0032-0000	07/03/98	20.26	21.47
PARKS, NEAL ARTHUR	98P2	67	4	0407-0005-0000	12/23/98	577.00	578.52
	98P2	67	5	0407-0006-0000	12/23/98	5.00	5.01
						(582.00)	(583.53)
PEEL, DAVID F. II	96L1	0	27	0202-0049-0000	03/19/97	1,121.66	1,482.31
	96L1	0	28	0407-0016-0000	03/19/97	37.43	49.47
	97L1	0	30	0202-0049-0000	03/18/98	2,498.84	2,863.74
	97L1	0	31	0407-0016-0000	03/18/98	27.97	41.94
	98P1	67	3	0202-0049-0000	07/01/98	1,166.00	1,236.15
	98P1	67	4	0407-0016-0000	07/01/98	9.00	9.54
	98P2	67	8	0202-0049-0000	12/23/98	1,187.00	1,190.12
	98P2	68	1	0407-0016-0000	12/23/98	18.00	18.05
						(6,065.90)	(6,891.32)

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OWNER	WRNT	PG	LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/98 AMOUNT DUE
PRATT, ERIC & MARK	98P2	70	4	0405-0043-00MH	12/23/98	15.00	15.04
RIFF, SHANE M & WAND	98P1	73	2	0203-0016-0000	07/01/98	1,081.00	1,146.04
	98P2	73	3	0203-0016-0000	12/23/98	1,079.00	1,081.84
						(2,160.00)	(2,227.88)
ROGERS, MURRAY JR &	97L1	0	33	0411-0009-0000	12/31/98	1,971.99	1,971.99
	98P1	73	8	0411-0009-0000	07/01/98	1,236.00	1,310.36
	98P2	74	1	0411-0009-0000	12/23/98	1,233.00	1,236.24
						(4,440.99)	(4,518.59)
ROLFE, ROBERT	96L1	0	33	0409-0006-0000	07/01/97	109.86	139.55
	97L1	0	34	0409-0006-0000	03/18/98	349.62	409.28
	98P1	74	3	0409-0006-0000	07/01/98	149.00	157.96
	98P2	74	4	0409-0006-0000	12/23/98	160.00	160.42
						(768.48)	(867.21)
ROLFE, THOMAS	97L1	0	35	0409-0007-0000	04/21/98	478.93	538.92
	98P1	74	4	0409-0007-0000	07/01/98	269.00	285.18
	98P2	74	5	0409-0007-0000	12/23/98	279.00	279.73
						(1,026.93)	(1,103.83)
SALEM, MARTHA	98P2	76	3	0408-0084-00MH	12/23/98	123.00	123.32
SHANNON, DOUGLAS & R	98P2	77	2	0201-0020-0000	12/23/98	1,079.00	1,081.84
SHANNON, JOE	87L1	0	2	0201-0040-0000	03/15/94	2,128.26	3,967.08
	97L1	0	37	0415-0010-000A	03/18/98	621.33	719.58
	98P1	77	2	0415-0010-000A	07/01/98	278.00	294.73
	98P2	77	3	0415-0010-000A	12/23/98	278.00	278.73
						(3,305.59)	(5,260.12)
SHANNON, JOE & SYLVI	97L1	0	38	0201-0040-0000	03/18/98	58.91	77.28
	97L1	0	39	0201-0042-0000	10/07/98	1,519.21	1,678.13
	97L1	0	40	0201-0042-00MH	03/18/98	153.75	185.59
	97L1	0	41	0415-0010-0000	03/18/98	1,000.58	1,152.69
	98P1	77	3	0201-0040-0000	07/01/98	12.00	12.72
	98P1	77	4	0201-0042-0000	12/02/98	369.25	372.77
	98P1	77	5	0201-0042-00MH	07/01/98	68.00	72.09
	98P1	77	6	0415-0010-0000	07/01/98	480.00	508.88
	98P2	77	4	0201-0040-0000	12/23/98	12.00	12.03
	98P2	77	5	0201-0042-0000	12/23/98	685.00	686.80
	98P2	77	6	0201-0042-00MH	12/23/98	67.00	67.18
	98P2	77	7	0415-0010-0000	12/23/98	479.00	480.26
						(4,904.70)	(5,306.42)
SMITH, DIANNE	96L1	0	40	0202-0010-0000	05/05/98	898.28	1,146.73
	97L1	0	42	0202-0010-0000	03/18/98	944.76	1,088.94
	98P1	78	2	0202-0010-0000	07/01/98	431.00	456.93
	98P2	78	4	0202-0010-0000	12/23/98	430.00	431.13
						(2,704.04)	(3,123.73)
SNIHUROWYCH, BOHDAN	98P1	78	3	0205-0044-0000	07/01/98	753.00	798.30
	98P2	78	5	0205-0044-0000	12/23/98	765.00	767.01
						(1,518.00)	(1,565.31)
SPURRELL, ROGER JR &	97L1	0	43	0404-0004-0000	03/18/98	742.05	880.44
	98P2	80	8	0404-0004-0000	12/23/98	525.00	526.38
						(1,267.05)	(1,406.82)
ST. ONGE, RICHARD	96L1	0	42	0411-0038-0000	03/19/97	1,825.50	2,412.46
	97L1	0	44	0411-0038-0000	03/18/98	1,921.66	2,204.59
	98P1	81	3	0411-0038-0000	07/01/98	893.00	946.73
	98P2	81	4	0411-0038-0000	12/23/98	892.00	894.35
						(5,532.16)	(6,458.13)
ST. PIERRE, ROBERT &	98P1	81	4	0412-0054-0000	10/28/98	5.59	5.71

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OWNER	WRNT	PG LN	PARCEL ID	DUE DT	UNPAID BAL	12/31/98 AMOUNT DUE
	98P2	81 5	0412-0054-0000	12/23/98	142.00	142.37
					(147.59)	(148.08)
STEADY, GEORGE GORDO	98Y1	0 3	0414-0003-0000	05/15/98	687.00	764.92
	98P1	83 1	0203-0019-0000	07/01/98	7.00	7.42
	98P1	83 2	0414-0003-0000	07/01/98	13.00	13.78
	98P1	83 3	0414-0004-0000	07/01/98	475.00	503.58
	98P2	83 2	0203-0019-0000	12/23/98	7.00	7.02
	98P2	83 3	0414-0003-0000	12/23/98	13.00	13.03
	98P2	83 4	0414-0004-0000	12/23/98	473.00	474.24
					(1,675.00)	(1,783.99)
STEARNS, PHILIP JR.	98P1	83 4	0411-0013-0000	12/18/98	432.60	434.45
	98P2	83 5	0411-0013-0000	12/23/98	866.00	868.28
					(1,298.60)	(1,302.73)
STYLES, DAVID & SWALLOW, JEFFREY	98P2	84 1	0419-0001-0010	12/23/98	218.00	218.57
	96L1	0 45	0412-0053-0000	03/19/97	1,395.44	1,867.12
	97L1	0 46	0412-0053-0000	03/18/98	1,468.78	1,710.39
	98P1	84 5	0412-0053-0000	07/01/98	673.00	713.49
	98P2	84 6	0412-0053-0000	12/23/98	684.00	685.80
					(4,221.22)	(4,976.80)
TIERNEY, DAVID & VER	96L1	0 46	0202-0027-0000	03/19/97	1,349.91	1,829.95
	97L1	0 47	0202-0027-0000	03/18/98	1,421.22	1,656.07
	98P1	85 5	0202-0027-0000	07/01/98	650.00	689.11
	98P2	85 4	0202-0027-0000	12/23/98	662.00	663.74
					(4,083.13)	(4,838.87)
VAN BUSKIRK, KEITH	96L1	0 50	0407-0014-0000	03/19/97	129.53	171.18
	96L1	0 51	0407-0017-0000	03/19/97	107.12	141.56
	97L1	0 48	0407-0014-0000	03/18/98	122.03	149.36
	97L1	0 49	0407-0017-0000	03/18/98	99.56	123.70
	98P1	89 5	0407-0014-0000	07/01/98	45.00	47.71
	98P1	89 6	0407-0017-0000	07/01/98	45.00	47.71
	98P2	89 5	0407-0014-0000	12/23/98	44.00	44.12
	98P2	89 6	0407-0017-0000	12/23/98	55.00	55.14
					(647.24)	(780.48)
VEINOTTE, EVERETT & VEINOTTE, LAURA	96L1	0 52	0412-0010-0000	12/21/98	29.18	29.74
	97L1	0 50	0412-0010-0000	03/18/98	48.32	65.18
	98P1	89 8	0412-0010-0000	07/01/98	7.00	7.42
					(55.32)	(72.60)
VEINOTTE, LAURA L. VINYARD, DON	98P2	89 8	0412-0010-0000	12/23/98	7.00	7.02
	97L1	0 52	0412-0015-0000	05/06/98	192.69	215.40
	98P1	90 3	0412-0015-0000	07/01/98	685.00	726.21
	98P2	90 3	0412-0015-0000	12/23/98	683.00	684.80
					(1,560.69)	(1,626.41)
WARNER, SHIRLEY ANN	97L1	0 53	0411-0037-0000	03/18/98	359.92	444.04
	98P1	91 4	0411-0037-0000	07/01/98	149.00	157.96
	98P2	91 4	0411-0037-0000	12/23/98	160.00	160.42
					(668.92)	(762.42)
WARNER, SHIRLY ANN WENTWORTH, BARRY & L	96L1	0 54	0411-0037-0000	03/19/97	343.36	476.76
	96L1	0 55	0412-0028-0000	03/19/97	40.88	54.02
	97L1	0 55	0412-0028-0000	03/18/98	40.88	56.69
	98P1	91 8	0412-0028-0000	07/01/98	3.00	3.18
					141,904.46	157,154.00

TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

General Fund:

Berlin City Bank

Beginning Balance 1-1-98	\$	315,689.69
Total Receipts to Treasurer	\$	<u>999,410.56</u>
	\$	1,315,100.25
Accrued Interest	\$	<u>2,314.23</u>
	\$	1,317,414.48
Less Payments	\$	<u>(1,240,211.43)</u>
	\$	77,203.05
Bank Charges	\$	<u>(832.00)</u>
	\$	76,371.05
Other Credits	\$	<u>14,339.64</u>
	\$	90,710.69
Transfer Credits	\$	<u>111,075.00</u>
	\$	201,785.69
Transfer Debits	\$	<u>(133,813.77)</u>
Balance 12-31-98	\$	67,971.92
Balance on Statement 12-31-98	\$	105,050.57
Outstanding checks	\$	<u>(42,630.10)</u>
	\$	62,420.47
Deposits in Transit	\$	<u>5,551.45</u>
Beginning Balance 1-1-99	\$	67,971.92

General Fund:**New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool**

Account: Stark

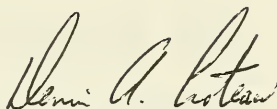
Beginning Balance 01-01-98	\$	211,392.52
Income Earned	\$	8,162.09
Contributions	\$	<u>175,000.00</u>
	\$	394,554.61
Withdrawals	\$	<u>(210,000.00)</u>
	\$	184,554.61
Beginning Balance 01-01-99	\$	184,554.61

Account: Bridge Bond

Beginning Balance 01-01-98		0
Contribution	\$	100,000.00
Income Earned	\$	<u>5,039.96</u>
	\$	105,039.96
Beginning Balance 01-01-99	\$	105,039.96

CDBG:

Beginning Balance 1-1-98	\$	7,346.64
Accrued Interest	\$	<u>22.07</u>
	\$	7,368.71
Payments	\$	<u>(5,910.32)</u>
Balance 1-1-99	\$	1,458.39




Dennis A. Croteau
Treasurer

REPORT OF TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Balance Beg. Year	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Year
Bridge Account	Maintenance of Bridges	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$3,113.15	\$1,165.61		\$4,278.76
Dump Account	Future Outlay for Dump	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$23,595.89	\$1,738.93		\$25,334.82
Revaluation Account	For Revaluation	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$3,552.11	\$186.44		\$3,738.55
Back Hoe Account	For Back Hoe	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$7,246.27	\$3,386.76		\$10,633.03
Compactor Account	For Compactor	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$2,063.62	\$1,110.46		\$3,174.08
Discount Account	For Discount Fund	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$12,243.51	\$1,143.40		\$13,386.91
Town Truck Account	For Town Truck	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$16,000.99	\$4,848.26		\$20,849.25
Fire Dept. Equipment	For Equipment	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$3,672.37	\$1,656.81	\$1,829.00	\$3,500.18
Fire Dept. Building	For Building	N.H.P.D.I.P.	\$15,396.25	\$10,829.77		\$26,226.02
Fire Dept. Building	For Building	Siwooganock	\$3,919.95	\$207.56		\$4,127.51
Education/Handicapped	For Handicapped	Berlin City Bank	\$44,548.19	\$2,113.28		\$46,661.47
Education/Handicapped	For Handicapped	Berlin City Bank	\$3,595.42	\$177.52		\$3,772.94
Education/Handicapped	For Handicapped	Siwooganock	\$12,958.78	\$3,349.30		\$16,308.08
TOTAL			\$151,906.50	\$31,914.10	\$1,829.00	\$181,991.60

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Purpose of Trust Funds	Balance Beginning Year	Balance End Year	Income Amount	Balance End Year	Grand Total
Care of Cemetery Lots	\$6,620.88	\$6,620.88	\$282.53	\$5,928.24	\$12,549.12


 Donald Croteau
 Trustee of the Trust Funds

VILLAGE LIBRARY

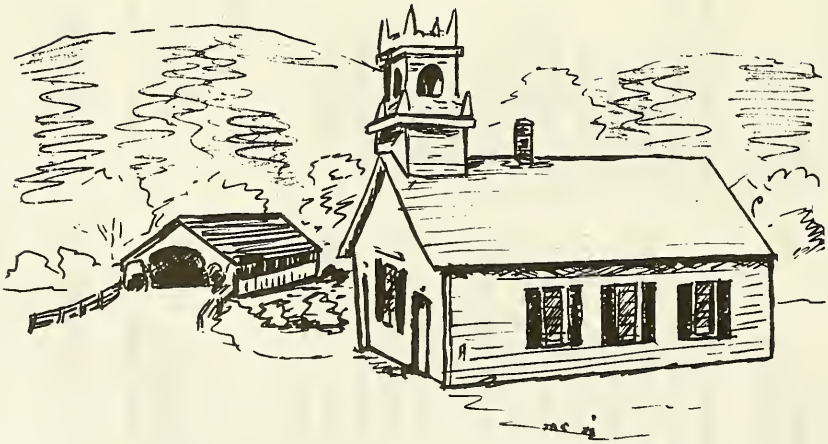
Our library continues to be open on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7 PM, and some Saturday afternoons during the summer.

There have been several boxes of books and some family oriented videos donated to the library, and also a more functional used computer.

We appreciate everyone's support during this year.

Ending Balance 12-31-98	\$682.32
Revenues Town Appropriation	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$932.32
Expenditures (-)	<u>\$437.79</u>
Beginning Balance 1-1-99	\$494.53

Cecile C. Eich
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Librarian



Stark, N.H.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of
the Board of Selectmen
Town of Stark
Stark, New Hampshire 03582

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements and the combining and individual fund financial statements of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire as of, and for the year ended December 31, 1997, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As is the practice with many New Hampshire municipalities, the Town of Stark, New Hampshire has not maintained a record of its general fixed assets and, accordingly, a statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the financial report.

In our opinion, except that the omission of the general fixed asset account group results in an incomplete presentation as explained in the above paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the

Board of Selectmen
Town of Stark

individual funds of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1997, and the results of operations of such funds and the cash flows of nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining and individual fund financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as supplemental schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Town of Stark, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose, combining, and individual fund financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each of the respective individual funds taken as a whole.

Very truly yours,

Francis J. Dineen, CPA

May 6, 1998

EXHIBIT A

TOWN OF STARK
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 315,689.69	\$ 8,278.96
Investments	211,392.52	0.00
Taxes Receivable	101,790.26	0.00
Tax Liens Receivable	79,167.48	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
Due from Other Governments	0.00	0.00
Due from Other Funds	0.00	0.00
Welfare Tax Liens Receivable	2,545.36	0.00
Amt Prov. for Retire of Debt	0.00	0.00
Tax Deeded Property	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	<u>\$ 710,585.31</u>	<u>\$ 8,278.96</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts/Warrants Payable	\$ 554.63	\$ 250.00
Other Accrued Expenses	66.74	0.00
Due to Other Governments	0.00	0.00
Due to School District	372,635.00	0.00
Due to Other Funds	104,523.70	0.00
Tax Anticipation Notes Payable	80,000.00	0.00
General Oblig. Bonds Payable	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>557,780.07</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<u>Fund Equity</u>		
Reserved for Endowments	0.00	0.00
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	0.00	0.00
Reserved for Welfare Lien	2,545.36	0.00
Designated for Capital Acquisitions	0.00	0.00
Designated for Specific Purposes	0.00	8,028.96
Designated by Trust Instruments	0.00	0.00
Designated for Specific Capital Projects	0.00	0.00
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>150,259.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>152,805.24</u>	<u>8,028.96</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$ 710,585.31</u>	<u>\$ 8,278.96</u>

EXHIBIT A

<u>Types</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Capital</u>	<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>Project Funds</u>	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Debt Group</u>	<u>December 31,</u>
	<u>Funds</u>		<u>1997</u>
\$ 0.00	\$ 25,225.37	\$ 0.00	\$ 349,194.02
0.00	138,947.72	0.00	350,340.24
0.00	0.00	0.00	101,790.26
0.00	0.00	0.00	79,167.48
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20,825.21	0.00	0.00	20,825.21
97,968.49	6,555.21	0.00	104,523.70
0.00	0.00	0.00	2,545.36
0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>\$ 118,793.70</u>	<u>\$ 170,728.30</u>	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,108,386.27</u>
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 804.63
0.00	0.00	0.00	66.74
0.00	61,102.39	0.00	61,102.39
0.00	0.00	0.00	372,635.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	104,523.70
0.00	0.00	0.00	80,000.00
0.00	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
<u>0.00</u>	<u>61,102.39</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>719,132.46</u>
0.00	6,620.88	0.00	6,726.88
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	2,545.36
0.00	85,115.81	0.00	85,115.81
0.00	0.00	0.00	8,028.96
0.00	17,889.22	0.00	17,783.22
118,793.70	0.00	0.00	118,793.70
0.00	0.00	0.00	150,259.88
<u>118,793.70</u>	<u>109,625.91</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>389,253.81</u>
<u>\$ 118,793.70</u>	<u>\$ 170,728.30</u>	<u>\$ 100,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,108,386.27</u>

See accompanying notes.

PLANNING BOARD

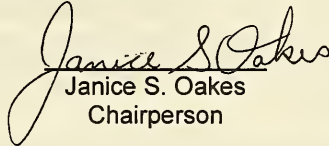
The Planning Board had a considerably busy year. We approved subdivisions for the following: Percy Peaks Estates, Nash Stream Properties, Robert and Dorothy Eason, and Mason/Mckelvey. The Board also approved a lot line adjustment from Beatrice Tuttle to Harry Hopps.

The Board approved a new excavation (gravel) pit for Mason/McKelvey and granted excavation renewal permits for Kidder and Marceau.

The Board has also begun reviewing and revising the Town's Subdivision Regulations and hopes to have the Regulations fully updated and revised by the end of 1999.

The subdivision application fee has been changed from \$35 per lot to \$35 per plan.

Just a reminder that the Planning Board meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall and all meetings are open to the public. At the present time the Board is in need of new members and alternates.


Janice S. Oakes
Chairperson

What is the annual average precipitation in Stark?

43 inches.

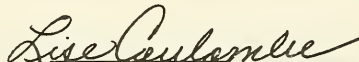
OFFICE MANAGER

The beginning of the year was extremely challenging for me. Our Town Clerk resigned her position after serving the townspeople for five years and I was faced with preparing and typing the Annual Report alone. I accepted the position of Town Clerk on an interim basis to allow the town to continue issuing license plates. While attempting to remember all the details of this complicated job, I also had to train a new Clerk at the same time. There was still my own demanding job to be done plus the extra work of learning new payroll software. Words of support and encouragement from my colleagues and the townspeople kept me striving to succeed. Was it all worth the effort? Absolutely! Our town report received "3rd" place for "Excellence in Annual Reports." This is the first time our report has been selected for an award.

The spring brought flooding – big time – which severely damaged several roads. The early thaw caused continuous complaints. There were seven different sections of roads which were closed. Careful monitoring and communication with emergency personnel was practiced on a daily basis.

What can I say about PNGTS! Pipeline representatives kept my office busy for several months with their need for tax cards, maps, addresses etc.... Hours upon hours were spent gathering information for them. Their lack of communication with each other caused road crossings to be closed without notice. Scheduled meetings to express the town's concerns fell on deaf ears.

This may be a small town, but we have to comply with the same rules and regulations as much larger municipalities do. I think that the town is fortunate to have an excellent group of employees and volunteers. I feel extremely proud of our small community.


Lise Coulombe

ROAD AGENT

This has been a busy year. Spring flooding damaged several roads. The construction of the pipeline has added extra traffic requiring more road maintenance and dust control. Subcontractors for PNGTS, HC Price Co., did purchase gravel for the roads that were affected by the construction and calcium chloride for dust control. HC Price Co. will be doing clean up restoration this coming spring with some added repairs to the road crossings.

There is now running water at the town garage provided by a 400' deep well. There is also now a bathroom.

Paving projects included parts of Emerson, Northside and Nash Stream Roads. A reconstruction project was performed on the Percy Road and paving should be done sometime this year.

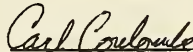
Citizens, I am asking your help in catching the "Road Sign Bandits." If you see anyone damaging our signs, please call our Constable or the town hall with the information. Replacement has cost us hundreds of dollars.

Some repairs were made to the Paris Road Bridge to accommodate winter traffic, pending construction of the new bridge.

Our town sander needs replacement. I repaired it enough to get through the winter and have made inquiries regarding replacement cost. Although the costs for a steel sander and stainless sander are slightly different, the stainless sander has a ten-year warranty and the steel has only an 18-month warranty. It would be in the town's best interest to purchase the stainless sander.

The waste oil furnace at the town garage has been working great and has saved the town \$2000 in fuel costs.

I'm looking forward to servicing the town's needs in the future.


Carl Coulombe

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

In 1998, Congress appropriated \$1 billion to be spent during each of the next five years to protect people, property and local economies from all types of hazards, both natural and manmade. Natural hazards, such as floods, wind and snow storms, are happening more frequently and becoming more severe. The 1998 Ice Storm is an example of the devastation and suffering that can occur, although luckily not much in Stark. Officials are concerned also about manmade hazards of the type that might affect Stark, such as prolonged power outages, an ice dam, a train or highway crash involving hazardous materials, a major fire or explosion. Much of this money is intended for communities to help them better understand, prepare and work with neighboring communities at the emergency management level as we now do with the Mutual Aid fire response system. I attended several sessions that covered much of this material and will continue to look for promising opportunities for our town and pass the details on to the Selectmen.

Stark participated in Response 98 in April, an emergency management training exercise initiated by FEMA involving all of the northeastern states and parts of Canada. The exercise was informative and we'll build some better procedures from it. We also demonstrated to ourselves, Concord and others that this region lacks adequate communications equipment so that communities can help each other during an emergency and also reach others able to assist us. I think it was also understood by all that towns like Stark cannot afford to subsidize the region with better communications equipment to help our neighbors, instead state and federal funds are needed. Surely, out of the billions now being poured into emergency management, some funds to purchase better equipment can flow to the thousands of small towns such as Stark. Meanwhile, some suggestions for how we can all help each other.

Use the telephone sparingly during any major incident. It's basically all we've got and the system's capacity is very limited. Lines may be broken. If power is out at any telephone exchange, the system must run on batteries that won't last very long. There may be a generator, but this might not start and can quickly run out of fuel. If your phone works, use it only to check up on neighbors and family. Please don't chat. Although there are many failsafe provisions, the 911 system could go out also. All the more reason to use the phone only when necessary, so that others – including officials – can get through in an emergency.

Plan ahead and be prepared for an emergency. Have food, water, and some heating for several days, flashlights, extra batteries and plenty of candles, extra medications and medical supplies, a portable radio, fire extinguishers, and several days' gas in your car. Develop a family response plan and practice it each year. Include your neighbors, especially those who are elderly, disabled or have young children.

 2/8/99

Franklin Platt, Emergency Management Director

POLICE REPORT

The Police Department has gained some new equipment. I was able to obtain a radar unit from the Highway Safety Agency at no cost to the Town. It has been used in the area of the Stark Village School and in other areas around town when there has been a request. I have found that for the most part, the speeds clocked on the back roads were below posted speed limits. The exception has been Route 110 where speeds in the high 70's are not that unusual and tickets were issued to violators.

Being lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time has resulted in the Police Department being able to generate some revenue (\$ 2,147.00) for the Town. One large truck was caught crossing the Phillips Brook Bridge. This resulted in a \$500 penalty paid to the Town of Stark. A number of underage persons were taken to court for drinking at Christine Lake. Each violator paid a \$250 fine which was returned to the Town by the court. Also at Christine Lake, one minor was fined \$50 for being in possession of tobacco. This fine was also turned over to the Town. It appears that the beach area is returning to its intended purpose as a FAMILY AREA. People do need to be aware that the Town has an ordinance prohibiting alcoholic beverages (BY ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF AGE) in the area and that the closing time is 9:00 PM. Violations can result in a fine not in excess of \$ 300.00 or less than \$ 250.00 for each offense. The Selectmen granted a request to use some of the fine monies to purchase signs to be placed at Christine Lake stating the rules and penalties. These signs will be put up in the spring.

I was also able to catch one person laying rubber on the Emerson Road, resulting in a court appearance. Two minors were reported missing and searched for, two domestic violence calls were answered, five accidents covered and one unattended fire was checked into.

Dogs created the most complaints in 1998. Being unregistered is the number one problem, although dogs running loose and lost generate a lot of calls. The Police Department is required by law to deliver to the owner, a notice that the dog has not been registered or re-registered. Failure to do so results in a TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR penalty plus ONE DOLLAR per month late fee. ALL but one owner was very understanding! This person was issued a court summons resulting in additional costs to the owner. Due to the increase in rabies, both the Town and State are taking a firm stand on requirements for dog owners in order to protect the public.

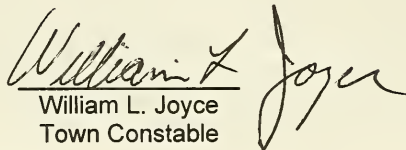
The Town has purchased a radio that will both send and receive in ALL areas of Stark and is now installed in my vehicle. An additional radio for the town truck was also requested for safety reasons. That radio is in place and should help in both emergency calls and make it possible for the Selectmen to contact the road agent when needed.

All of us on the Police Department are fully certified at this time. We all attended classes at Troop F, and I attended class at Police Standards and Training in Concord. I was also lucky enough to be sent to West Virginia for a week of firearms training by the UNH Extension Office at no cost to the Town. Plans are now underway to provide firearms safety training to the youth of the area.

We are now in the process of drafting a Policy & Procedure Manual for the Department. This is being done with the help of Police Standards and Training and when completed, will be on file at the Town Office.

Residents wishing to renew or apply for a pistol permit may do so by calling me or contacting the Town Clerk. The fee is ten dollars and the permit is valid for 4 years.

In closing I would like to thank Francis, Donald and the citizens for your help and cooperation in 1998.


William L. Joyce
Town Constable

What is the annual average temperature in Stark?

37 degrees F.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Log

1 Auto Accident	1 Hay fire
1 Automobile Accident	1 Injured hiker-Mill Brook
1 Wastebasket Fire	2 Mutual aid calls to Milan
1 Fire set by train-Potter Road	2 Mutual aid calls to Groveton
2 Power line fires	1 Mutual aid call to Maidstone, Vt

New Fire Station

In preparation for Town Meeting, and with the help of Scott Bishop of Stratford, we have been getting estimates from different businesses to establish a figure that we can bring before the people to vote on for the bond.

Training

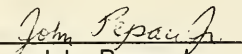
We had a training exercise with Frank Platt, our Emergency Management Director and the Selectmen. We had a discussion about what would be needed and how we would go about doing certain tasks in an emergency situation where the whole state is involved in a disaster and Stark would have to try to solve these problems on our own. We also tried to get through to Concord via 2-way radios and a ham radio operator to let them know about our situation in Stark.

Groveton had an exercise to teach us use of the jaws, an extrication tool used to cut and spread parts of twisted wreckage away from people who are pinned in a vehicle. We also learned what to look out for while cutting and spreading different parts of the vehicle.

The annual Warden and Deputy Warden Training meeting was held in Milan this year and included training on how to deal with the public during specific situations.

Mack Pumper

In February, Ron Costa of Jefferson, NH put the finishing touches on the pumper that was painted last year. He added the lettering, church and covered bridge scenes on the doors, and painted a cartoon character on the back of the pumper. Some scroll work was added on the fenders to complete an excellent job.


John Pepau Jr.
Firefighter

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12
TOTAL FIRES	798
TOTAL ACRES	442.86

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

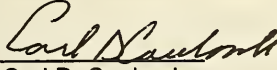
Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

CEMETERIES

Maintenance work has been progressing and in 1998 we purchased a new weed trimmer and two lawn mowers. This should last us for another three years. We are hoping to do more maintenance in the coming year.

I would like to thank those citizens who made "job well done" comments. This makes all the workers' jobs easier and more rewarding.

I encourage comments, good or bad, so we can keep our ancestors' resting places as clean and peaceful as possible.


Carl D. Coulombe

Drought

There had been weeks of drought ;
Springs and wells were dry;
The blazing sun shone down
From a cloudless sky.

The soil was parched and cracked;
The corn had ceased to grow
Grass had turned both sere and brown,
So there was none to mow.

The farmers were discouraged,
They feared the stock would die,
And they all prayed for rain
As they scanned the cloudless sky.

Then they awoke one morning,
Rain was running from the eaves,
Cooling the hot, dry air,
And washing dusty leaves.

It formed little puddles,
And then a tiny rill,
That soon soaked through,
The springs and wells to fill.

The truth of the old adage,
We learn as years pass by:
We never miss the water
Until the well runs dry.

By Katherine Farwell Emery

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

The pure pleasure of this job, believe it or not, is being involved in activities that improve the infrastructure of the station. The new compactor steps and platform were the most rewarding personally. An exterior storage area was built to hold glass for future town use, eliminating costly trips to the Berlin facility. A new MSW can was purchased for the compactor and the old one will be used to increase our storage area for cardboard. Compactor painting was started late in the year, but should be finished by summer. The oil shed and swap shop doors received a lot of reworking; they now open and close properly and no longer leak. The new red cover over the edge of the open top container has prevented waste from falling between it and the concrete wall, thereby saving considerable difficult clean up work.

Several operational procedures during the year have reduced the weight of compactor material by placing some items in other areas. We increased potential scrap metal revenue by separating the metal by type, the new aluminum area being the most profitable. This frees up the open top container for items where weight is less of a consideration than the cost of incineration. The use of "Little Red" for Kraft paper reduced our weight costs by 700 pounds in 1998, so give me your brown paper bags!

The asking of questions is what makes this business work. My appreciation goes to all who took the time to ask so that items could be disposed of properly. There is a high level of cooperation required if we are to meet our goals. There is a hard core minority who always does things right. For others, cooperation can only be achieved through increased checking of waste. The only other alternative is initiation of a "Pay-per-Bag" program. The popularity of this program in the North Country is about equal to having a mouse in the bedroom, so think about it.

The "Pet Peeve Award" for 1998 goes to packing peanuts—those little white (or blue or green) things created by the Devil to cushion the contents of packages. They blow all over the yard when placed loose in the compactor, so **please, please** bag them.

Goals for 1999 include acquisition of a rebuilt compactor connected to the old MSW can for processing corrugated cardboard and Kraft paper products. This would eliminate the need for stacking cardboard and would reduce transportation costs. New containers (constructed by us) for recycled paper are also being considered. They would be more weather proof and considerably reduce loading time. Some painting, improved signage, a concrete wall and improved drainage for the incineration area are also on the wish list. I welcome suggestions from the townspeople as well.

In 1999, efforts will be intensified to eliminate as much paper as possible from compactor waste. It represents 60% of the weight and is the most readily recycled material. As soon as space is available, non-corrugated cardboard and "junk mail" will be separated for recycling.

There are several people I would like to thank for their assistance: *Donald Croteau* for his help on special days and for filling in for me, *George Caron* for repairing our phone and the loan of special tools, *Ernie Johnson* for toting material back and forth for special projects and driving me to work from time to time. And my special thanks to our hardest worker, *Carl Coulombe*, who has provided invaluable help of all types, often on the spur of the moment.

Recycling is about as exciting as brushing your teeth, but it is here to stay. We recycle to save money, not to save the world, and this requires the cooperation of everyone. The byword for 1999 is "Communication," so don't hesitate to ask questions, make suggestions – and bag those "peanuts."

George Bennett
George Bennett,
Transfer Station Manager



Stark Improvement Fund lifers.

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF
STARK, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1998

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STARK**
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

ORGANIZATION/ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL BOARD

Susan Fogg, Chairman
Jane Hopps
Angela Brassard

TERM EXPIRES

2001
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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert C. Mills - Tel. 636-1437
Sandra Call, Secretary
Janet Bennett, Data Processing

BUSINESS MANAGER

Peggy L. Goodale

STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL

Charles R. Witters - Principal/Grades 5 & 6
Nancy Spaulding - Grades 3 & 4
Annetta McGinnis - Grades 1 & 2
Kristin Henry - Kindergarten/Special Education

TREASURER

Susan Croteau

CLERK

Janette Clang

MODERATOR

William Joyce

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark,
New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark
Village School in said district on Tuesday, March 9,
1999, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the
subjects hereinafter mentioned. The polls will be
opened at said place and date from 9:00 o'clock in the
forenoon for the reception of your ballots under the
non-partisan ballot system. Polls will not close before
7:00 o'clock in the evening.

1. To choose by non-partisan ballot the following
district officers for the ensuing year: a
district clerk, a district treasurer, a
district moderator; and two members of the
school board: one for the ensuing year, and one
for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands at Stark this 17th day of
February, 1999.

SCHOOL
BOARD

Susan Fogg
Jane Hopps
Angela Brassard

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

Susan Fogg

Jane Hopps

Angela Brassard

SCHOOL
BOARD

**SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Stark, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Stark Village School in said district on Tuesday, March 9, 1999, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the subjects hereinafter mentioned. The matters of appropriations and such other business properly coming before said meeting will be taken up for your consideration and action.

1. To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, or officers heretofore chosen and any vote relating thereto.
2. To see if the district will vote to accept the provisions of the Federal and State School Lunch Program and to appropriate such funds as may be available to the district under said program. Further, to see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for such funds and to expend the same for such programs.
3. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for, to receive and expend in the name of the district such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for the educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State, Federal or other governmental unit or from private sources which become available during the fiscal year.
4. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for Education of the Handicapped, this sum will be taken from surplus in the 1998-99 operating budget; furthermore, to authorize the school board as agents to determine when such funds may be expended (pursuant to the provisions of RSA 35:1-b). The school board recommends this appropriation.
5. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.

6. To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Stark this 17th day of February, 1999.

SCHOOL
BOARD

Susan Fogg

Jane Hopps

Angela Brassard

A True Copy of Warrant - Attest:

Susan Fogg

Jane Hopps

Angela Brassard

SCHOOL
BOARD

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1998**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>
Cash	\$35,048.31			\$59,406.13
Interfund Rec.	14,399.51			3,000.00
Intergovt. Rec.	<u> </u>	<u>404.49</u>	<u>441.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$49,447.82	\$ 404.49	\$ 441.00	\$62,406.13
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Interfund Payables	\$ 619.32	404.49	441.00	59,406.13
Other Payables	11,958.35			
Deferred Rev.	<u>11,306.83</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Liabilities	\$23,884.50	\$ 404.49	\$ 441.00	\$59,406.13
Unreserved Fund Balance	<u>25,563.32</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Fund Equity	\$25,563.32	-0-	-0-	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$49,447.82	\$ 404.49	\$ 441.00	\$62,406.13

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Food Service</u>	<u>Capital Reserve</u>
<u>LOCAL REVENUE</u>				
Current				
Appropriation	\$492,635.00			
Earnings on				
Investments	708.69			2,762.52
Food Service			5,363.32	
Other Local Revenue	<u>73.49</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>536.51</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Local				
Revenue	\$493,417.18	-0-	\$ 5,899.83	\$2,762.52
<u>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</u>				
Foundation Aid	99,697.77			
Kindergarten Aid	5,250.00			
Building Aid	<u>16,661.26</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total State				
Revenue	\$121,609.03	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</u>				
Chapter I		1,926.39		
Chapter II		1,204.49		
Child Nutr. Program			12,261.00	
Elem./Secondary		295.00		
Federal Forest Fund	13,122.36			
Medicaid	<u>4,762.41</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total Federal				
Revenue	\$ 17,884.77	\$3,425.88	\$12,261.00	-0-
Transfer from				
General Fund	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5,962.49</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$632,910.98	\$3,425.88	\$24,123.32	\$5,762.52

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESTIMATED REVENUES/ASSESSMENT**

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>CURRENT 1998-99</u>	<u>ESTIMATED 1999-00</u>
<u>STATE REVENUES</u>		
Foundation Aid	89,358	210,604
Kindergarten Aid	5,250	6,000
<u>FEDERAL REVENUES</u>		
ECIA Chapter II/Other	3,200	3,200
Child Nutrition	12,260	9,500
Federal Forest Land	11,307	15,100
Medicaid Reimbursement	5,200	5,200
<u>LOCAL REVENUES</u>		
Unreserved Fund Balance	25,563	20,000
Transfer to Capital Reserve	3,000	-0-
Lunch Sales	5,400	5,000
District Assessment	<u>505,674</u>	<u>458,101</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$666,212	\$732,705

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

Robert C. Mills 1997-98

Northumberland School District's Share	\$37,770.79
Stratford School District's Share	11,737.18
Stark School District's Share	<u>9,325.03</u>
TOTAL	\$58,833.00

BUSINESS MANAGER'S SALARY

Peggy L. Goodale 1997-98

Northumberland School District's Share	\$20,119.64
Stratford School District's Share	6,252.13
Stark School District's Share	<u>4,967.23</u>
TOTAL	\$31,339.00

STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

<u>Regular Programs</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Salaries	\$106,771.00	\$113,645.00	\$ 6,874.00
Aide's Salary	8,065.00	8,104.00	39.00
Substitute Salary	1,800.00	1,800.00	.00
Health Insurance	21,158.00	19,089.00	(2,069.00)
Life & Disability	1,335.00	1,400.00	65.00
Workers' Comp.	1,311.00	1,000.00	(311.00)
FICA	8,925.00	9,452.00	527.00
Teachers' Retirement	2,875.00	3,088.00	213.00
Tuition Reimbursement	600.00	1,700.00	1,100.00
Unemployment Comp.	350.00	350.00	.00
Instructional Improv.	500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Repairs/Maintenance	1,632.00	2,132.00	500.00
Rental of Equip.	.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Tuition/Public	102,560.00	90,695.00	(11,865.00)
Tuition/Public HS	217,035.00	187,050.00	(29,985.00)
Supplies	4,664.00	7,052.00	2,388.00
Textbooks/Periodicals	970.00	2,258.00	1,288.00
Software	343.00	.00	(343.00)
New Computers	.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Total	\$480,894.00	\$461,515.00	(19,379.00)

Special Education

Salaries	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 400.00
Aide's Salary	6,863.00	13,819.00	6,956.00
Health Insurance	2,517.00	2,479.00	(38.00)
Workers' Comp	421.00	533.00	112.00
FICA	1,336.00	1,899.00	563.00
Teacher's Retirement	306.00	330.00	24.00
Professional/Tech.	19,907.00	33,404.00	13,497.00
Private Tuition	.00	21,600.00	21,600.00
Supplies	691.00	931.00	240.00
Tuition-Public	.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
Total	\$ 42,641.00	\$ 104,995.00	\$ 62,354.00

Co-Curricular

Supplies	\$ 326.00	\$ 373.00	\$ 47.00
Dues/Fees	<u>950.00</u>	<u>950.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,276.00	\$ 1,323.00	\$ 47.00

Support Services**Guidance**

Prof/Technical	\$ 6,754.00	\$ 7,185.00	\$ 431.00
Supplies	<u>191.00</u>	<u>205.00</u>	<u>14.00</u>
Total	\$ 6,945.00	\$ 7,390.00	\$ 445.00

Health Services

Other Prof/Tech.	\$ 1,609.00	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 3.00
Supplies	<u>171.00</u>	<u>193.00</u>	<u>22.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 1,805.00	\$ 25.00

Improvement of Instruction

Improvement of Inst.	\$ 360.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 340.00
Expense/Travel	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$ 510.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 340.00

Educational Media

Repairs/Maintenance	\$.00	\$ 397.00	\$ 397.00
Rental	385.00	784.00	399.00
Rental	341.00	.00	(341.00)
Supplies	100.00	100.00	.00
Textbooks/Periodicals	<u>816.00</u>	<u>901.00</u>	<u>85.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 2,182.00	\$ 540.00

School Board Services

Salaries	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 1,392.00	\$.00
Salaries	928.00	928.00	.00
FICA	107.00	111.00	4.00
FICA	71.00	74.00	3.00
Other Prof/Tech	1,440.00	1,500.00	60.00
Other Prof/Tech	960.00	1,000.00	40.00
Insurance	2,000.00	2,145.00	145.00

Postage/Petty Cash	200.00	200.00	.00
Ads	350.00	350.00	.00
Dues/Fees	820.00	828.00	8.00
Dues/Fees	<u>278.00</u>	<u>276.00</u>	<u>(2.00)</u>
Total	\$ 8,546.00	\$ 8,804.00	\$ 258.00

SAU 58 Services

SAU Services	\$19,850.00	\$ 20,805.00	\$ 955.00
SAU Services	<u>13,234.00</u>	<u>13,870.00</u>	<u>636.00</u>
Total	\$33,084.00	\$ 34,675.00	\$ 1,591.00

School Administration

Salary	\$ 3,448.00	\$ 3,552.00	\$ 104.00
FICA	264.00	272.00	8.00
Retirement	100.00	107.00	7.00
Postage/Petty Cash	175.00	175.00	.00
Expenses/Travel	150.00	150.00	.00
Supplies	175.00	175.00	.00
Dues/Fees	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total	\$ 4,812.00	\$ 4,931.00	\$ 119.00

Operation & Maintenance

Salary	\$ 4,425.00	\$ 4,810.00	\$ 385.00
Workers' Comp.	213.00	231.00	18.00
FICA	350.00	368.00	18.00
Unemployment Comp.	18.00	18.00	.00
Professional/Tech	1,200.00	1,200.00	.00
Repairs/Maintenance	2,000.00	3,350.00	1,350.00
Property Insurance	2,150.00	2,150.00	.00
Telephone	1,100.00	1,155.00	55.00
Supplies	2,000.00	2,200.00	200.00
Electricity	5,205.00	5,465.00	260.00
Fuel	3,000.00	3,000.00	.00
Bottled Gas	1,200.00	1,225.00	25.00
Furniture/Fixtures	.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Other Equipment	<u>.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 22,861.00	\$ 27,672.00	\$ 4,811.00

Transportation

Salaries	\$ 8,036.00	\$ 8,420.00	\$ 384.00
Workers' Comp.	720.00	758.00	38.00
FICA	615.00	645.00	30.00
Transportation	7,800.00	7,928.00	128.00
Transportation	8,450.00	8,588.00	138.00
Gasoline/Diesel	1,152.00	1,152.00	.00
Gasoline/Diesel	1,248.00	1,248.00	.00
Student Transportation	.00	16,624.00	16,624.00
Total	\$28,021.00	\$ 45,363.00	\$ 17,342.00

Other Outlays**Transfer to Federal Projects**

Transfer	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$.00
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Transfer to Food Services

Transfer	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
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Transfer to Capital Reserve

Transfer	\$ 3,000.00	\$.00	\$ (3,000.00)
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TOTAL BUDGET	\$666,212.00	\$ 732,705.00	\$ 66,493.00
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STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
1997-98 DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1000 INSTRUCTION

<u>1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS</u>		426,118.00
110 Teachers' Salaries	97,713.37	
111 Aide's Salaries	9,958.06	
120 Substitutes' Salaries	2,311.05	
210 Health Insurance	17,966.49	
213 Life & Disability	987.72	
214 Worker's Comp.	158.85	
222 Teachers' Retirement	2,973.32	
230 FICA	8,413.78	
260 Unemployment Comp.	104.00	
270 Tuition Reimbursement	400.00	
310 Other Instruc-Art/Music	261.85	
NH Music Educators Assoc.	25.00	
Triarco	70.90	
School Specialty	165.95	
320 Instructional Improvement		515.00
Plymouth State College	15.00	
Alan Farnsworth	500.00	
440 Repairs/Maintenance		2,575.60
Porter Office Supply	1,545.60	
Foto Factory	30.00	
Albert Borsodi	1,000.00	
561 Tuition/Public - High School		269,952.50
Northumberland School Dist.	267,000.00	
St. Johnsbury Academy	2,952.50	
610 Supplies		5,347.42
Barclay School Supplies	110.40	
Math Learning Center	201.00	
Educators Publishing SVC	176.26	
Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	170.39	
Foodplay	180.00	
J. L. Hammett Company	333.14	
McGraw Hill, Inc.	33.91	
Rigby Education	135.00	
Kaplan School Supply	145.36	
Ideal School Supply Co.	241.79	
Triarco	68.99	
BBY Publications	72.00	
McIntire Business Product	171.26	
Innovative and Creative	296.95	

	Porter Office Supply	192.00	
	Dick Blick	65.92	
	The Re-Print Corporation	219.44	
	Carson-Dellosa Publ. Co.	97.52	
	American Academic Supply	99.59	
	School Specialty	858.92	
	Zaner Bloser	18.99	
	Pocketcharts	53.10	
	Albert Borsodi	974.00	
	Lakeshore Learning	64.91	
	Quill Corporation	287.92	
	Staples	26.92	
	Ames Department Store #46	26.99	
	Atlas Pen & Pencil Corp.	24.75	
630	Textbooks/Workbooks		2,268.80
	Continental Press	171.27	
	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	190.21	
	Houghton Mifflin Company	260.59	
	McGraw Hill, Inc.	562.08	
	Sundance Publishers And	57.59	
	Teacher Created Materials	98.67	
	Village Book Store	348.76	
	Abacus	12.93	
	The Wright Group	100.76	
	Pocketcharts	70.80	
	J. L. Hammett Company	93.98	
	Filmic Archives	27.60	
	Delta Education	45.46	
	Educators Publishing SVC	228.10	
640	Periodicals		77.03
	Nat'l Wildlife Federation	15.00	
	Time Inc. Magazine Co.	53.50	
	Scholastic, Inc.	12.04	
	Weekly Reader Corp.	57.00	
	Pocketcharts	3.24	
	Correctional Expenditure	-63.75	
741	Additional Equipment		4,133.16
	Wholesale Dist., Inc.	133.16	
	Albert Borsodi	4,000.00	
1200	Special Ed. Programs		37,889.31
110	Teachers' Salaries		9,156.91
111	Aide's Salaries		4,154.17
210	Health Insurance		1,618.65
214	Worker's Comp.		100.00

222	Teachers' Retirement		319.49	
230	FICA		1,018.15	
390	Other Professional/Technical		20,036.49	
	No. Country Educ. Found.	6,223.96		
	Northumberland School Dist.	4,704.53		
	Weeks Hospital Assoc.	4,325.00		
	Donna Church	9,000.00		
	Refund/Preschool	-505.00		
	94-142 Grant/Refund	-2,380.00		
	Grant/Refund	-1,332.00		
519	Other Transportation		97.50	
	Patricia Eddy	97.50		
569	Tuition - Private		956.40	
	NFI-North, Inc.	956.40		
610	Supplies		431.55	
	J. L. Hammett Company	269.11		
	The Re-Print Corporation	85.49		
	Linguistics, Inc.	76.95		
<u>1400 Co-Curricular</u>				337.99
610	Supplies		222.99	
	Gopher Sports Equipment	140.24		
	Ames Department Store #46	62.95		
	Nancy Spaulding	19.80		
810	Dues/Fees		115.00	
	Stark School Fund	115.00		
<u>2120 Guidance</u>				6,340.30
390	Guidance-Prof/Technical		6,203.52	
	Northumberland School Dist.	6,203.52		
630	Books		136.78	
	Social Studies School SVC	136.78		
<u>2130 Health Services</u>				1,563.50
390	Other Professional/Technical		1,563.50	
	Weeks Hospital Assoc.	12.00		
	Northumberland School Dist.	1,481.50		
	Dorothy Meunier	70.00		
<u>2210 Improvement of Instruction</u>				386.50
320	Improvement of Instruction		349.00	
	Continuing Education	90.00		
	No. Country Educ. Found.	60.00		
	Society For Developmental	90.00		
	Nancy Spaulding	20.00		
	Potato Hill Poetry	89.00		
580	Expense/Travel		37.50	
	Nancy Spaulding	37.50		

<u>2220 Educational Media</u>		1,494.32
440 Repairs/Maintenance	372.00	
No. Country Educ. Found.	372.00	
450 Rental	330.00	
No. Country Educ. Found.	330.00	
610 Supplies	34.83	
Highsmith Company	34.83	
630 Textbooks	693.74	
Bound To Stay Bound Books	454.61	
Publishers Quality Library	90.49	
University Book Service	148.64	
640 Periodicals	63.75	
Correction Expenditure	63.75	
<u>2310 School Board Services</u>		7,569.22
110 Salaries	1,820.00	
230 FICA	139.23	
390 Other Professional/Technical	2,222.00	
Susan Croteau	450.00	
Treasurer, State of NH	772.00	
Grzelak and Company, P. C.	1,000.00	
522 Insurance	1,857.00	
NHSBIT-Errors/Omissions	1,857.00	
532 Postage/Petty Cash	200.00	
SAU #58	200.00	
540 Ads	270.20	
SAU #58	177.20	
The Berlin Reporter	40.00	
Caledonian Record	53.00	
810 Dues/Fees	1060.79	
NHSBA	1,060.79	
<u>2320 SAU Services</u>		33,424.00
351 SAU Management Services	33,424.00	
SAU #58	33,424.00	
<u>2400 School Administration</u>		4,381.77
110 Salary/Administration	3,610.62	
230 FICA	276.15	
532 Postage/Petty Cash	25.00	
Charles Witters	25.00	
810 Dues/Fees	470.00	
NHASP	470.00	
<u>2540 Operation/Maintenance</u>		28,354.64
110 Salaries	4,228.50	
116 Salary - Summer Maintenance	1,674.13	
Robert C. Fysh	865.63	

	Charles Witters	808.50	
214	Worker's Comp.		100.00
230	FICA		451.50
440	Repairs/Maintenance		8,754.96
	Al's Plumbing & Heating	415.14	
	Emerson & Son	106.14	
	Northumberland School Dist.	237.76	
	Jared Spaulding	163.05	
	Inland Divers, Inc.	76.95	
	Town of Stark	225.00	
	Interstate Fire Protection	70.00	
	White's Septic Service	414.00	
	Welch's Water & Wastewater	264.44	
	NH State Treasurer	132.00	
	Ronald G. Caron	639.98	
	Kipp Alarm Service	150.00	
	Amerigas	84.00	
	Robert I. Hinkley	35.00	
	Lisa Grimes	8.00	
	Joshua Spaulding	40.00	
	CDG Painting	3,386.00	
	Fitch Fuel Company	395.00	
	Charles Witters	562.50	
	Red Carpet Cleaning SVC	1,350.00	
521	Property Insurance		1,132.00
	NHSBIT - PC Group	1,962.00	
	Refund	-830.00	
531	Telephone		899.57
	Northumberland School Dist.	86.88	
	Nynex	65.78	
	AT&T	55.00	
	Bell Atlantic	563.20	
	Refund/Telephone	-0.60	
	SAU #58	129.31	
610	Supplies-Operation/Maintenance		2,659.05
	Emerson & Son	824.30	
	Kenco, Inc.	524.40	
	Resource Net International	912.02	
	The Vac Shop	185.85	
	Central Paper Products Co.	100.85	
	Ken's Locksmithery	3.85	
	Xpedx	107.78	
652	Electricity		5,098.81
	Public Service Co. of NH	4,988.61	

	Robert Fysh	110.20	
653	Fuel		2,184.00
	Munce's Superior, Inc.	2,184.00	
657	Bottled Gas		864.80
	Amerigas	864.80	
742	Replacement of Equipment		307.32
	Allstate Sign & Plaque	307.32	
<u>2550 Transportation Services</u>			26,698.67
110	Salaries		8,376.97
214	Worker's Comp.		150.00
230	FICA		640.77
513	Transportation		16,060.73
	Bruce Transportation Inc.	14,850.00	
	Northumberland School Dist.	936.73	
	Normandeau Trucking	51.00	
	Robert C. Fysh	6.00	
	Richard J. Deblois	8.00	
	Glenn's Service Center	125.00	
	Leslie E. Joy	84.00	
656	Gasoline/Diesel		1,470.20
	Northumberland School Dist.	1,470.20	
<u>5100 Debt Service</u>			47,910.94
830	Principal on Debt		45,000.00
	State Street Bank And Trust	45,000.00	
842	Interest on Debt		2,910.94
	State Street Bank And Trust	2,910.94	
<u>5240 Transfer to Food Service</u>			5,962.49
880	Transfer to Food Service		5,962.49
	Stark School District	5,962.49	
<u>5250 Transfer to Capital Reserve</u>			3,000.00
880	Transfer to Capital Reserve		3,000.00
	Trustees of Trust Fund	3,000.00	

STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND: STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Salaries	Employee Benefits	Purchased Services	Supplies	Property	Other	Total
Instruction							
Regular Programs	\$109,982.48	\$ 31,004.16	\$273,304.95	\$ 7,693.25	4,133.16		\$ 426,118.00
Spec. Ed. Prog.	13,311.08	3,056.29	21,521.94				37,889.31
Voc'l Ed. Prog.							
Other Instr. Prog.				222.99		115.00	337.99
Support Services							
Pupils							
Guidance			6,203.52	136.78			6,340.30
Health			1,563.50				1,563.50
Instructional Improvement of							
Instruction			386.50				386.50
Educ'l Media			702.00	792.32			1,494.32
General Admin.							
School Board	1,820.00	139.23	4,549.20			1,060.79	7,569.22
Office of Supt.			33,424.00				33,424.00
School Admin.	3,610.62	276.15	25.00			470.00	4,381.77
Business							
Operation/Maint.	5,902.63	551.50	10,786.53	10,806.66	307.32		28,354.64
Pupil Transport.	8,376.97	790.77	16,060.73	1,470.20			26,698.67
Debt Service						47,910.94	47,910.94
Transfer to							
Food Service						5,962.49	5,962.49
Transfer to							
Capital Reserve						3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL							
GENERAL FUND	\$ 143,003.78	\$ 35,818.10	\$368,527.87	\$ 21,122.20	\$ 4,440.48	\$56,519.22	\$ 631,431.65

October 1, 1998

Grzelak and Company, P.C.
P.O. Box 8
Laconia, New Hampshire 03247

To the Board
Stark School District
Stark, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Stark School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Stark School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Assets Account Group, which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded in the General Fixed Assets Account Group are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general-purpose financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the

financial position of the Stark School District as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The individual and combining fund financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Stark School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Grzelak and Company, P.C., CPA's
Laconia, New Hampshire

**STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
1998-99**

The big question in New Hampshire this year regarding education is the future of state funding. We hope to see greater financial support for education from the state level, but at this time, the question of how to raise the money is still being debated in the legislature. An equally important question, particularly for the smaller districts, is how that money will be distributed. The Augenblick formula, which has been used to determine foundation aid distribution, included factors such as equalized valuation per pupil and per capita income of the community—factors reflecting a community's ability to pay. I feel that these factors should be included in any new distribution formula. A distribution based solely on a per pupil basis will not be in the best interest of the small school districts.

The Stark Village School has established a computer lab in the multi-purpose room. This has given the teachers the opportunity to bring an entire classroom to the lab. Although computers will not replace the importance of basic skills that we want all students to grasp, computers are an important tool that all students should be able to use. We hope to upgrade the equipment in the lab next year so it will be comparable with computers in students' homes or with those used in other schools in the area. Stark students should be given the opportunity to develop computer skills equivalent to those of students in other area schools in grades K-6.

Starting with the 1999-2000 budget cycle, the State of New Hampshire is changing many of the current account classifications. Several code numbers will be changing, and in some cases, budgeted items have been assigned to different function codes; i.e., regular education, special education, transportation. Therefore, what may appear to be an increase or decrease may be the result of a change in the codes. These changes are being made to align the state classifications with the federal system. This is the transition year. Next year, the budget codes should be aligned, making it easier to read and understand the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Mills
Superintendent of Schools

**STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
1998-99**

The 1998-99 school year is continuing to move along at a rapid pace. As it has been in the past years, our major goal at the Stark Village School is to improve the quality of education while making the educational experience a wholesome and pleasant one for all our students in a safe and caring atmosphere.

The returning faculty/staff are Kristin Henry, kindergarten/special education teacher; Annetta McGinnis, grades one/two; Nancy Spaulding, grades three/four; Charles Witters, principal and grades five/six; Cheryl Cloutier, art; Donna Church, speech pathologist; Jeannine Astle, Title I tutor; Cindy Boivin, paraprofessional for grades three/four; Cinda Wentworth, paraprofessional for grades one/two; Judy Fortier, food service/volunteer librarian; Tony Haney, custodian; and Bob Fysh, bus driver.

It continues to be a real pleasure and privilege working with the teachers, staff, students, parents, superintendent, school board, and the wonderful community members of Stark. It is without hesitation that I can say that you can certainly be proud of your students and school. My goal is to have the Stark Village School continue to be a safe, caring place where students will learn the academics as well as the skills necessary to live in our society and the 21st century. The entire staff is absolutely marvelous, knowledgeable, and dedicated, and each individual member is striving to see this goal fulfilled.

We continue to have programs such as a monitor system, instructional music for those in grades 4-6, Fun Fridays, and honor roll and high honor roll. The Stark Village School is the Home of the Falcons. We have also instituted a computer lab for the students.

The "Volunteers for Kids" program is in its sixth year. Its goal is to support the teachers throughout the year. As you know, Sue Fogg, the chairperson of this program found it necessary to resign due to time constraints on her and her family. I would personally like to thank Sue for many years of faithful service to the "Volunteers for Kids". We want to set a meeting date and hopefully start the program up again. We enjoyed our traditional Thanksgiving dinner once again this year. I want to thank Judy Fortier for her leadership and superb cooking, aided by Jeannine Astle and Cindy Boivin, as well as by students, faculty, staff, parents, community members, and businesses. The individual volunteers help out in many other ways such as party moms, pizza-run moms/dads, typing, doing arts and crafts, etc. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

In the fall, Debbie Boivin headed up a major fundraiser for the school, which paid for five weeks of ice skating at the Notre Dame Arena in Berlin. Ice skating enhances the physical education program. There were enough funds at the end of the program for all students, staff, and teachers to enjoy a meal at the Fortune Cookie in Gorham. Our many thanks go to students, parents, friends, and community members for helping in all of the fundraisers.

The students and faculty gathered food for the food shelf in Groveton at Thanksgiving. We will participate again this year in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon.

We are all looking forward to an excellent second semester at the Stark Village School. Come and visit, please, and see for yourself what is happening.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles R. Witters, Jr.
Principal

STARK VILLAGE SCHOOL
HEALTH SERVICES
1997-98 YEAR-END REPORT

SCREENINGS 63 - Students screened for height, weight
 82 - B/P
 65 - Students screened for vision
 63 - Students screened for hearing
 15 - Students screened for scoliosis

REFERRALS 6 - Vision and hearing referrals combined
 3 - Scoliosis referrals

PHYSICALS 6 - Grade 4 physicals
 3 - Pre seventh grade sport physicals

PEDICULOSIS 567 - Head lice checks conducted, referrals 3

IMMUNIZATIONS 10 - Measles, Mumps, & Rubella - Grade 6

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION - 6

EVALUATED FOR HEALTH/INJURIES - 200
 10 - Called to evaluate
 125 - First aid care at school
 75 - Other
 6 - MD referrals by nurse

PROGRAMS

Growing Up Series - Grades 5 & 6
Wellness/AIDS - Grades K-6
Flu shot clinic offered to staff

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Meunier, R.N.

GRADE PLACEMENT CHART
(As of September 1998)

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Kristin Henry	8							8
Annetta McGinnis		12	10					22
Nancy Spaulding				12	8			20
Charles Witters						9	7	16
	8	12	10	12	8	9	7	66

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Kristi Adam	Danielle Fogg
Heather Andritz	Andrea Labrecque
Matthew Ball	Chad Pepau
Monique Brassard	Tanisha Shannon
Christopher Caron	Lauren Stearns
Christen Cloutier	Anthony Tendler
Joel Cote	Moriah Vinyard
Ashley Croteau	Naomi Wolin
Deserae Demers	
Dennis Faulkenham, Jr.	

HIGH SCHOOL

Hillary Andritz	Ryan Labrecque
D. J. Boivin	Catrina Lachance
Daniel Boivin	Jennifer Lunn
Shane Cloutier	Bryan Mason
Christina Coulombe	Stephanie Minichiello
Jamie Croteau	Jill Normand
Mary Kate Daley	David Pelchat
Matthew Eich	Chris Pepau
Rebecca Fogg	Danielis Rastonis
Bobbi-Jo Fysh	Elisha Reitsma
Clifton Fysh	Carissa Rogers
Andrew Goulet	Jarod Rogers
Keenan Hibbard	Bradley Shedd
Michael Hoyt	Michael Simino
Jenni Judson	Samantha Simino
Joshua Judson	Tamsen Smithers
	Crystal Vinyard

RIGHTS OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

As the parent or guardian of a child who may require or who is receiving special education and/or related services, you have the following rights:

*You have the right to have access to and examine all records relating to your child's education.

*You have a right to receive prior written notice whenever the local education agency proposes to begin or change the special educational referral, evaluation and/or education placement of your child. You also have a right to give your written consent before initial special education placement and before any individual evaluation of your child.

*You have a right to question any matter, decision, or recommendation relating to your child's referral, evaluation or educational placement.

*You have a right to request an independent educational evaluation obtained by the local educational agency. If your request is accepted, the evaluation will be conducted by a certified or licensed professional examiner who is independent of the local educational agency and will be performed at no cost to you. Should your request be denied, you have a right to appeal this decision as described below.

*If you have any complaints regarding the referral, evaluation or educational placement of your child, you have a right to meet with the school board. If any agreement is unable to be reached, you have the right to an impartial hearing conducted by a state appointed due process hearing officer.

*At this hearing, you have the right to be assisted by person(s) with special knowledge or training, or by an attorney, and the right to present evidence and confront, cross-examine and compel the attendance of witnesses.

*After this hearing, you have the right to a written or electronic verbatim recording of such hearing. You have the right to obtain written findings of fact and decisions of the hearing at no cost.

*If the decision of the impartial hearings at the local level is not acceptable to you, you have the right to appeal this decision to the State Board of Education or Civil Court.

*During any of the hearing or appeal procedures, your child shall remain in the current education program, or if applying for initial admission to the public school, shall be placed in a regular program until all proceedings have been completed, unless you and the school officials agree otherwise.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
Public Law 92-318

Subpart A, Section 86.8 of Title IX requires public notification that the Stark School District does not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices on the basis of race, language, sex, age or handicapping condition under the provisions of Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Education of All Handicapped Children Act of 1975. The Stark School District hereby notifies students, parents, employees, and residents that complaints and grievances for noncompliance with any of the provisions of Title IX are to be referred to:

Robert C. Mills
Title IX Hearing Officer
SAU #58
8 Preble Street
Groveton, NH 03582
Tel. 1-603-636-1437

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION
ACT OF 1973

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with School Administrative Unit No. 58 are hereby notified that the districts of SAU #58 do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, their programs and activities.

Any person having inquiries regarding the compliance of School Administrative Unit No. 58 with the regulations of implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act is directed to contact:

Patricia A. Eddy
Section 504 Coordinator
SAU #58
8 Preble Street
Groveton, NH 03582
Tel. 1-603-636-2010

